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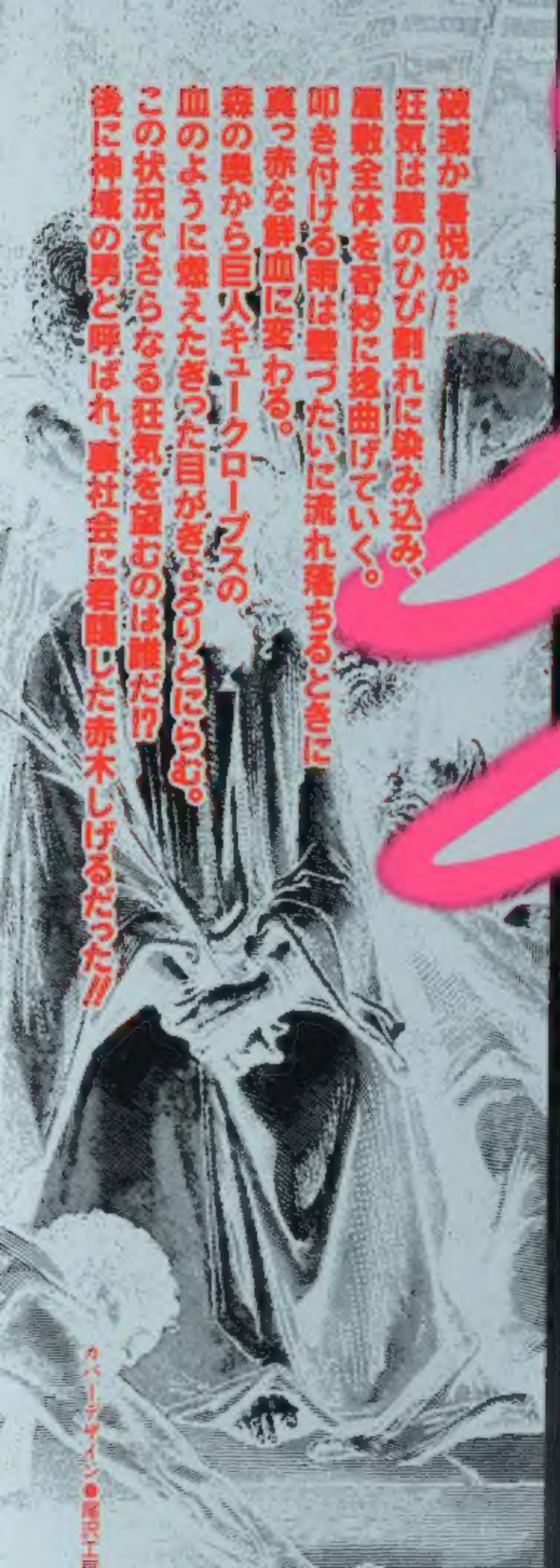

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あらすじ

昭和33年。チキンランを生き残った少年・赤木しげるは、初めて打つ麻雀でも異才を発揮し、ヤクザ相手の勝負に次々と勝利を収めてゆく。昭和40年。退屈に倦んだ資産家・鷲巣は、血液を賭ける狂気の麻雀を行っていた。アカギ・仰木・安岡の3人は、殺人鬼・鷲巣を狩るため、生き血を賭けた勝負・鷲巣麻雀に挑む。4回戦までを終え、鷲巣の総資産の3分の2に当たる約3億円を奪った。だが、鷲巣のハネマンツモで、ついにアカギの致死量を越える。しかしアカギは死ななかった。勝負前に自らの血を輸血していたのだ!!

ざわ…
ざわ…

登場人物

鷲巣

権力を利用して巨万の富を築いた老人。麻雀で若者の命をもてあそぶ。

安岡

不良刑事。アカギを立てて鷲巣の資産5億円を奪おうとしている。

仰木

稲田組の若頭。安岡の誘いに乗りアカギを使って鷲巣に挑戦する。

鈴木

鷲巣の部下。今回の対局の鷲巣のアシスタント役。

【鷲巣麻雀概要】

アカギが半荘6回戦を戦い抜けばアカギ側の勝利。途中でアカギが絶命すれば、それまでに得た現金も全て没収、鷲巣側の勝利となる。

●レート:1000点=100万円=血液100c.c.。アカギと鷲巣のサシ勝負。ウマ(1万・3万)・オカを加算したポイント差で半荘ごとに精算。アカギの致死量2000c.c.は点棒2万点に相当し、鷲巣の現有資産5億円は50万点に相当する。

●ガラス牌:1種4牌のうち3枚が透明ガラス牌。

●ボーナス払い:半荘精算時以外にも、アカギと鷲巣の間で直接点棒の移動があった場合には、その局ごとに血液or現金をやりとりする。

●鷲巣側の特例:半荘2回を区切りとして勝負を続行するか、途中終了するかを、鷲巣側のみ選択できる。

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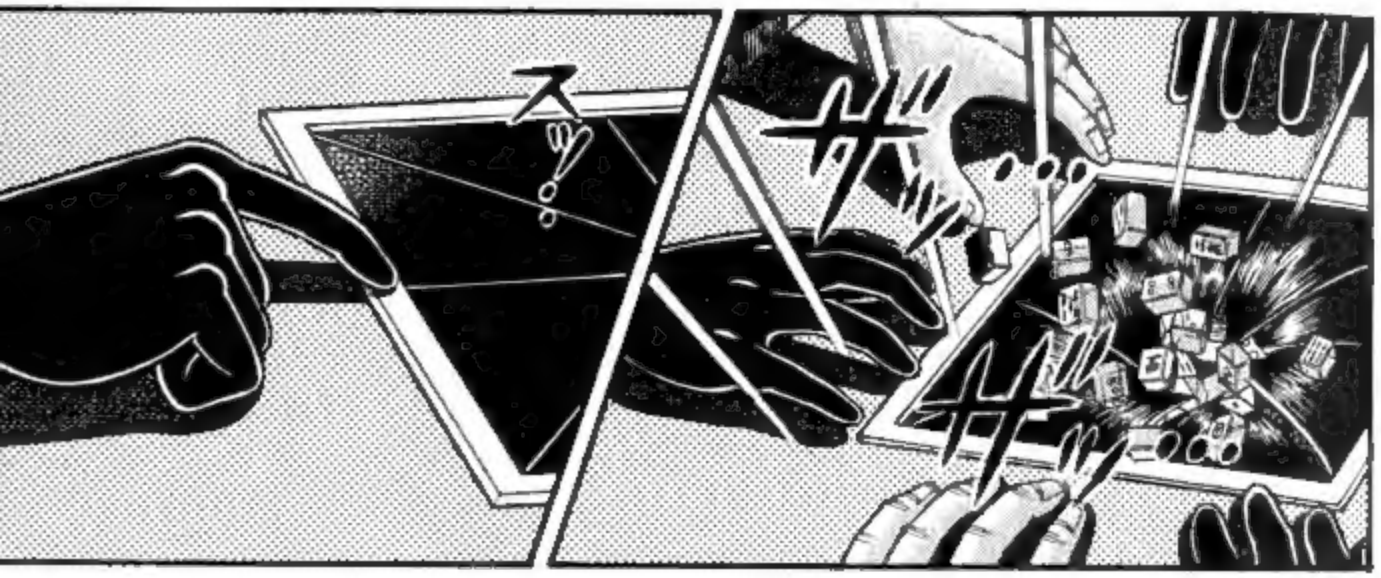

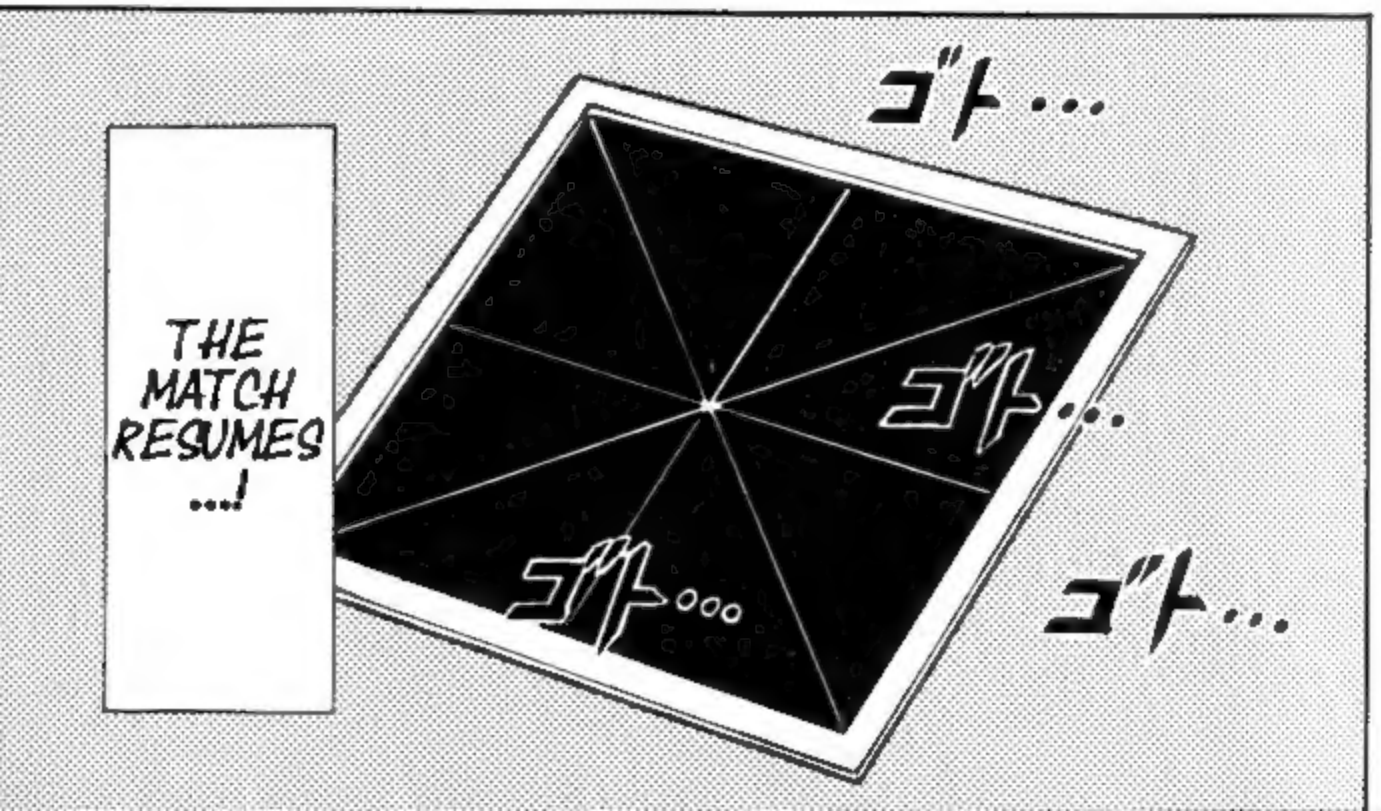
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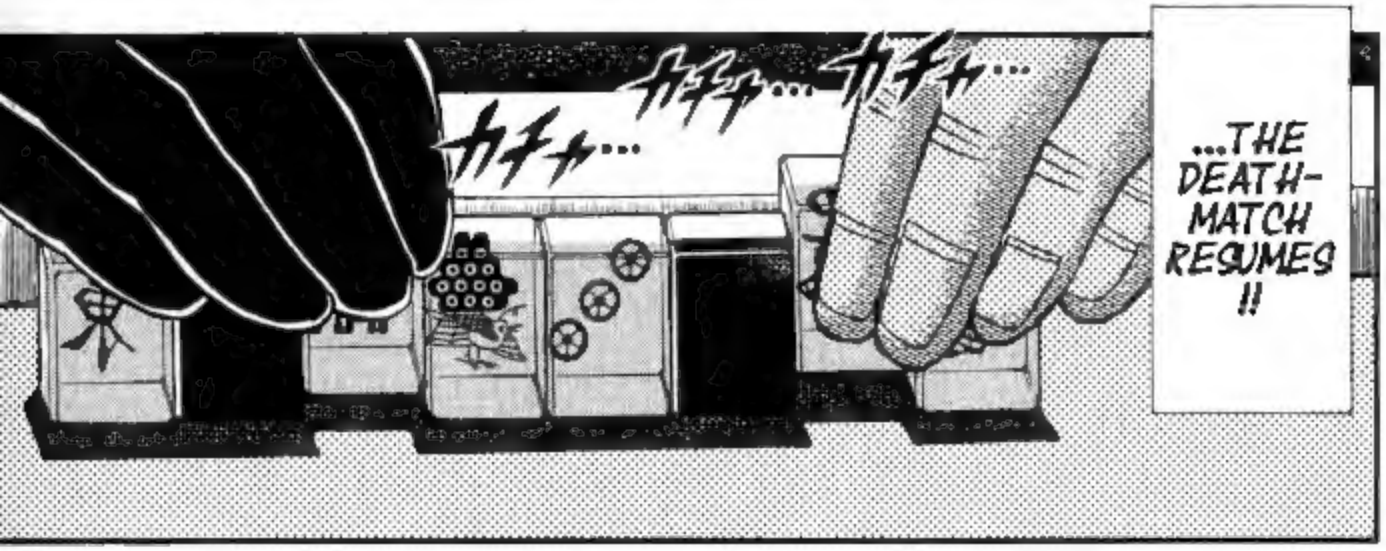
CHAPTER 126-STRUGGLE

TRANSLATED BY
SONICKRAZY
CLEANED BY
BIGGUMS
TYPESETTING BY
KAZUHIKO

...THE DEATH STRUGGLE...
THE MUTUAL BATTLE WHERE BOTH PLAYERS BET THEIR FORTUNES...
...IT PROCEEDS!
THE MATCH MOVES ON...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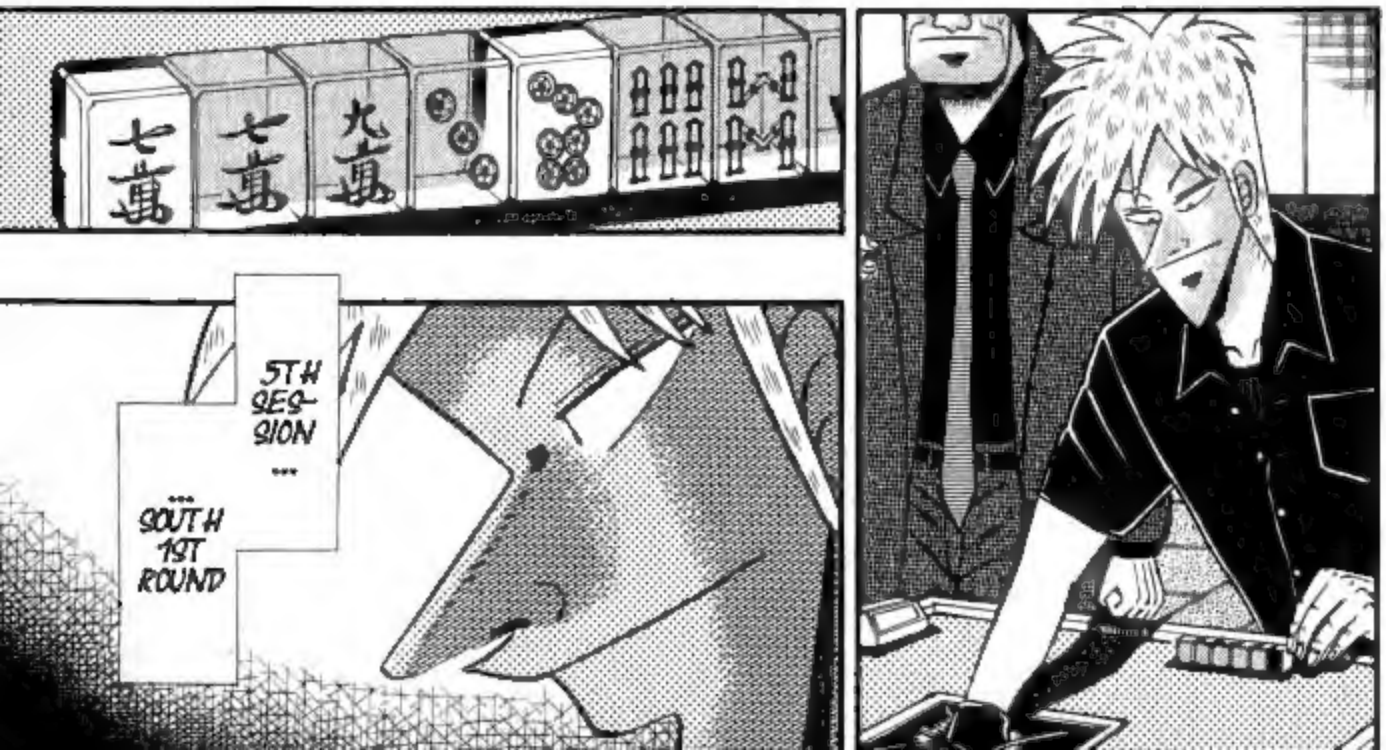
ガチャ...
...THE DEATH-MATCH RESUMES!!


七萬
七萬
九萬
5TH SESSION
...
...SOUTH 1ST ROUND

THE DEALER IS YASUOKA.
DAMN HIM ...!

WHAT FREAKISH ENDUR-ANCE...!!
THAT DEM-ON ...!!
...YOU SHOULD BY ALL MEANS BE A DEAD MAN!!!
RIGHT THIS MOMENT ...
YOU SHOULD !!!
YOU SHOULD BE DEAD, NOW!!
YOU DEMON !!!!
GIVE ME A BREAK!!
THAT TRANS-FUSION ...?!
WITH THAT OUTRA-GEOUS TRICK...!!
AND YET ...
DRAAAAAAAAAAN HIIIIIMMMM...!!!

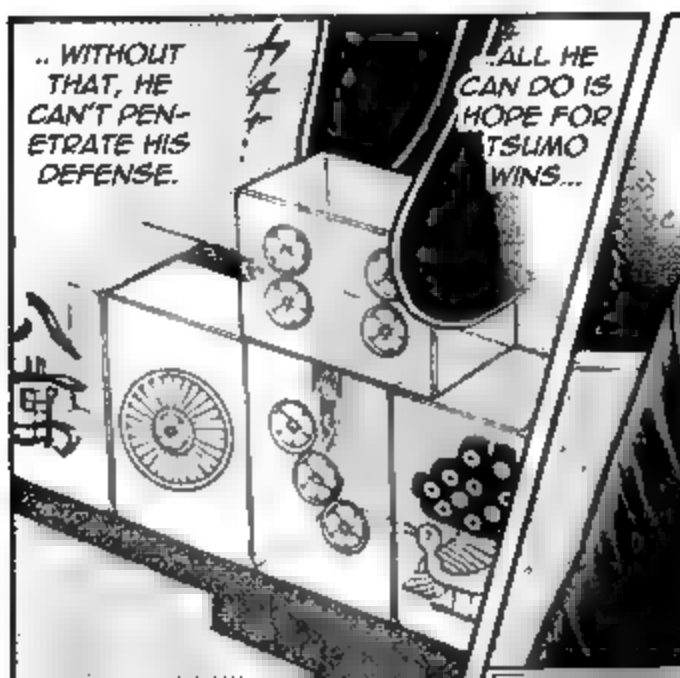
DAMN HIM TO HELL!!!
.....
DAMN HIM ...!!!
DAMN HIM ...!!
NONE OF YOU DO!!
YOU DON'T GET THIS AT ALL !!!
.....
...AND EFFORT ...!
...WILL TAKE TREMENDOUS CLINNING...
SQUEEZING THAT LAST BID OF BLOOD FROM THAT MONSTER...
FOR THAT DEMON, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS ONE LAST PUSH!!

...NO.
.....
NONE OF YOU UNDER-STAND A THING!!!
NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE!!
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T UNDER-STAND
...I DO, VERY MUCH!
I UNDER-STAND WHAT WASHIZU-SAMA SAID TO US!
WHAT WASHIZU-SAMA SAID IS ABSO-LUTELY CORRECT..
THAT MUCH IS EVI-DENT!
.HE IS CER-TAINLY SOME SORT OF DEMON!
THIS IS CERTAINLY VERY BIZZARRE.. AND THE MAN SIT-TING BEFORE US IS UNDENIABLY A GENIUS!

THEREFORE, WE MUST ADMIT, THAT HE IS QUITE THE IRREGULAR OCCURANCE!
HE IS A MONSTER!

...WE CANNOT EVEN COME CLOSE TO EITHER OF THESE THINGS!
HIS MAHJONG ABILITY... HIS NATURAL TALENT

...GETTING A DIRECT HIT FROM HIM IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE!
OF COURSE, THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN TAKE HIS LIFE AWAY IN ONE SHOT
IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE IS A MUCH MORE COMPETENT PLAYER!


.. WITHOUT THAT, HE CAN'T PENETRATE HIS DEFENSE.
ALL HE CAN DO IS HOPE FOR TSUMO WINS...

EVEN WASHIZU-SAMA CAN'T FIGHT BACK AGAINST HIM...
THE WAY THINGS ARE.

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THERE IS NO WAY AROUND THAT..!
BUT...
Washizu's Hand
. THE WAY THINGS ARE
. ISN'T THE TRUTH A BIT DIF-FERENT THAN THAT..?
RIGHT NOW...
RIGHT NOW
...IS THAT TRULY HOW IT IS..?
I HAVE TO SAY...

IN FACT, WASHIZU-SAMA HAS THE ADVAN-TAGE...!

THE ONE BEING PRESSURED HERE IS ACTUALLY AKAGI...!

Washizu: 33,200 Points Remaining Funds: 283.7 Million Yen

Akagi: 22,300 Points, -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Funds: 316.3 Million Yen

JUST LIKE HOW LAST ROUND, HIS HAND CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD!

...COULD CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN AN IN-STANT!

HE HAS AN 11,000-POINT LEAD!!

IT'S 33,200 TO 22,300 ..!

AFTER THAT TSUMO, WASHIZU-SAMA HAS TAKEN THE LEAD!

...AND TURNED AROUND 180 DE-GREES ..!!

IF HE GOES STRAIGHT FORWARD, THAT'S FINE ...!

RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT NEEDING TO TSUMO.

SOMETHING AS LOW IN RANK AS THIS

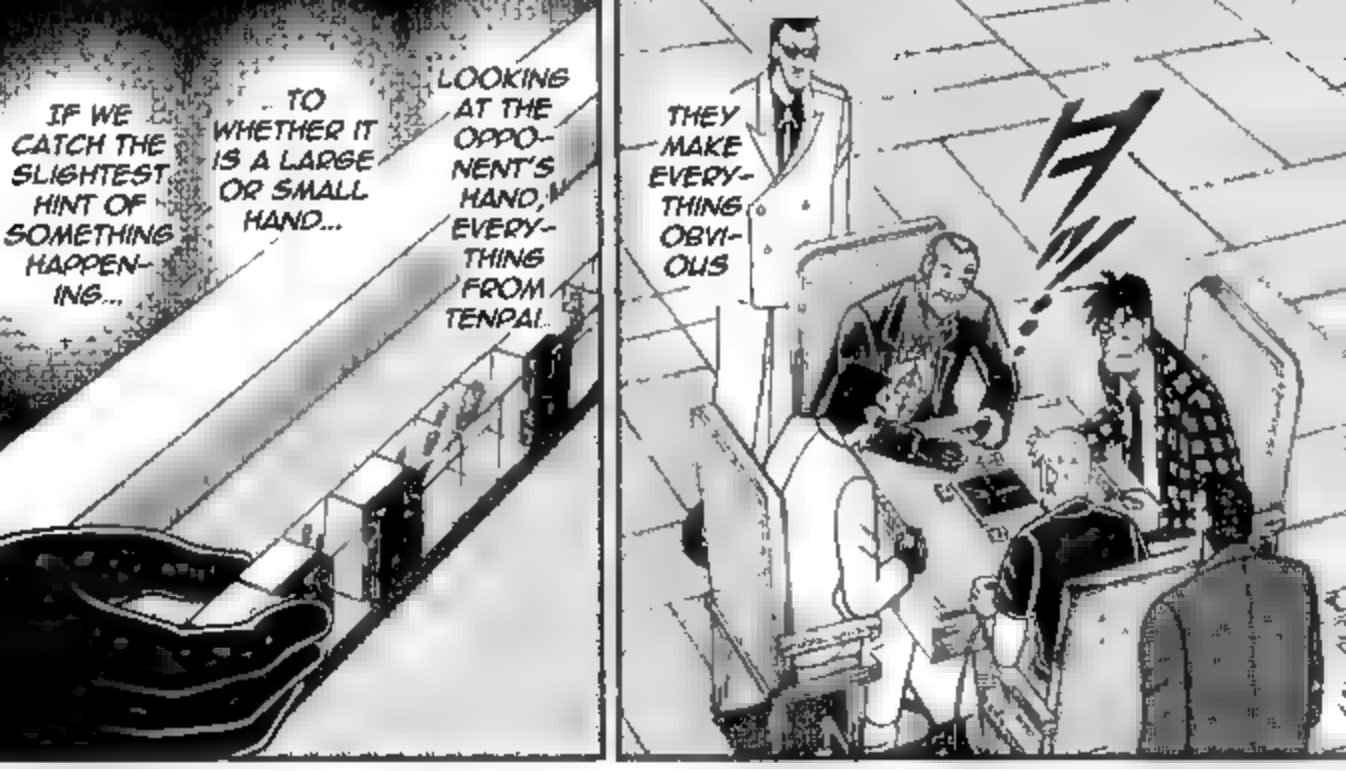
三萬 四萬 伍萬 六萬 八萬

IT'S WASHIZU-SAMA'S GAME TO WIN!

AND THAT LEAD IS TRE-MENDOUS!
WELL...
...IF IT WAS NORMAL MAHJONG WE WERE PLAYING..
...THIS DIFFER-ENCE OF 11,000 POINTS

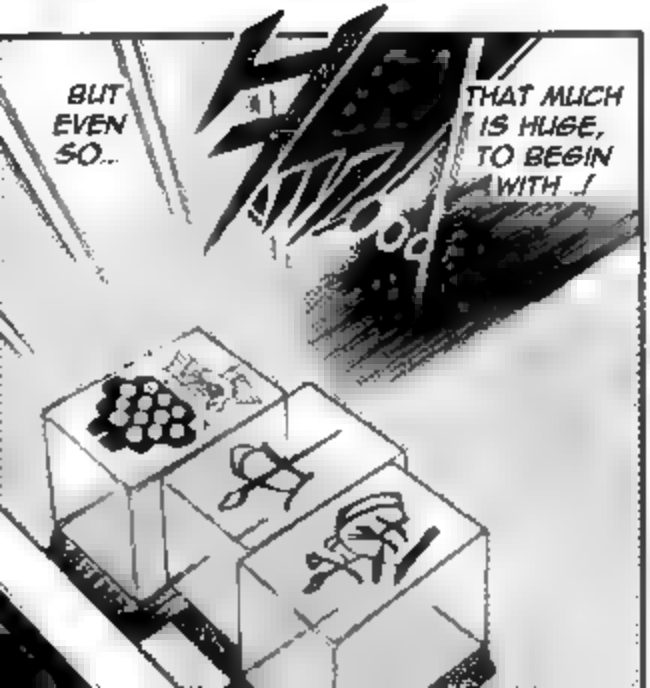
IN WASHIZU MAH-JONG..
...IT'S GIGAN-TIC!
. WOULDN'T REALLY BE MUCH OF A LEAD..
HOW-EVER...
THERE'S A MAJOR DIFFER-ENCE ..!
A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS AND REGULAR MAHJONG ...

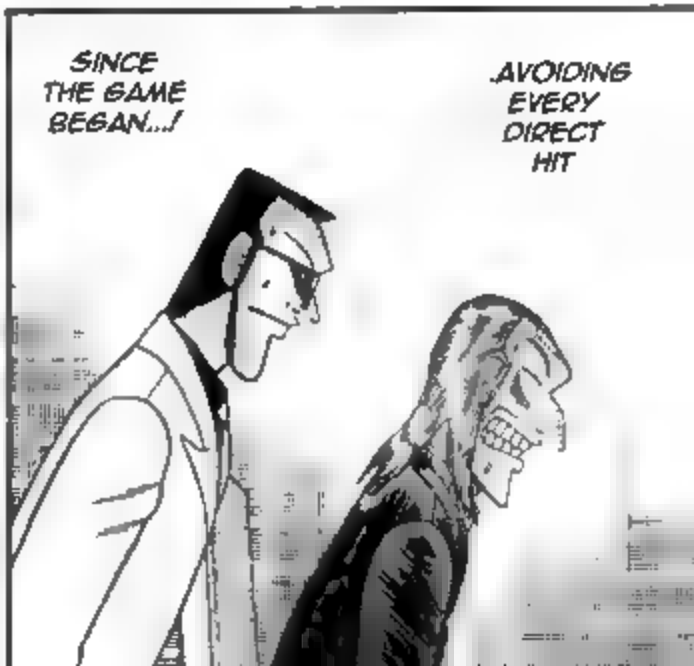
THAT IS...
. FUNDAMENTALLY, IT IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO RUN AWAY.
IN WASHIZU MAHJONG
MAKING THIS 10,000 POINTS FAR MORE HEAVY!
MUCH MORE THAN IN NORMAL MAHJONG .
AND, REST ASSURED THAT YOU WON'T BE OVERTAKEN IN WASHIZU MAHJONG!
...THE ONE RUNNING AWAY IS IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO WIN THAN THE ONE PURSUING THEM!
...YOU CAN TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT...
ONCE YOU'VE GOTTEN A SOLID LEAD...
. WE ARE AT SUCH A LARGE ADVANTAGE...
AND THE VERY REASON
...IS THE ADDITION OF THESE TRANSPARENT TILES!


IF WE CATCH THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF SOMETHING HAPPENING...
...TO WHETHER IT IS A LARGE OR SMALL HAND...
LOOKING AT THE OPPONENT'S HAND, EVERYTHING FROM TENPAI...
THEY MAKE EVERYTHING OBVIOUS

HE'S PLAYED A NEAR-PERFECT GAME!

AKAGI SEEMS NOT TO HAVE ANY LIMITS...
...WE CAN SIMPLY HAVE SUZUKI DEAL INTO HIS HAND!


BUT EVEN SO...
THAT MUCH IS HUGE, TO BEGIN WITH...!


SINCE THE GAME BEGAN...!
AVOIDING EVERY DIRECT HIT

IT IS A TEAM GAME!
...THIS BATTLE HAS A UNITED FRONT OF ATTACK!
IT WILL ADVANCE US TO THE NEXT ROUND, WHICH IS ALL WE NEED!
...AS LONG AS THE HAND IS CHEAP, WASHIZU CAN EVEN DEAL INTO SUZUKI'S HAND!
IN OTHER WORDS...!
WITH TWO PEOPLE COOPERATING, THEY CAN DEAL INTO EACH OTHERS' HANDS!
...WILL MAKE IT VERY HARD FOR HIM!
STARTING IN THIS SOUTH FIRST ROUND..
CLOSING UP THE ROUND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE...
FINDING A PERFECT SOLUTION OUT OF THAT SUPPRESSION...
THAT'S RIGHT... THAT WILL WORK!

QUICKLY STOPPING HIM!
A GAME OF MAHJONG WHERE NOTHING HE CAN DO WILL BE ENOUGH!
A GAME WHERE HE CAN'T EVEN FORM A HAND..
..WILL BE VERY HARD FOR HIM!

..ARE ONLY SLOW AND UNWORKABLE ONES..
IF THE HANDS HE DOES GET..
AND IF NOT..
..AKAGI WON'T BE ABLE TO GET A HAND!
FOR JUST 4 MORE ROUNDS...

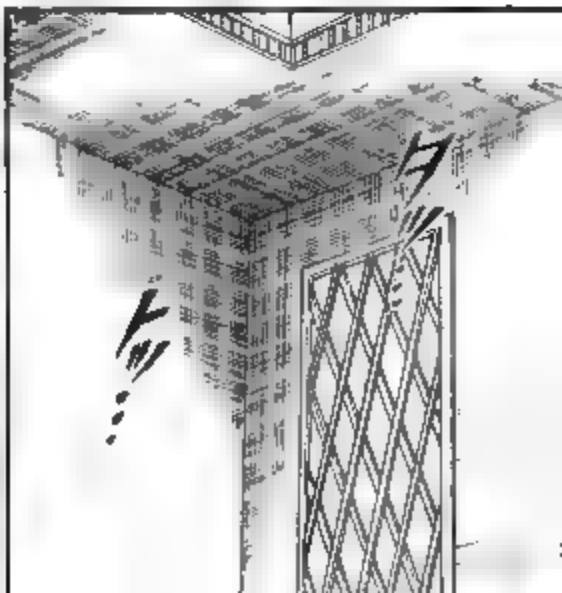
YES ...!
THAT WOULD BE WASHIZU-SAMA'S VICTORY!
...THEN WE CAN BRING THE GAME TO A CLOSE, JUST LIKE THAT!

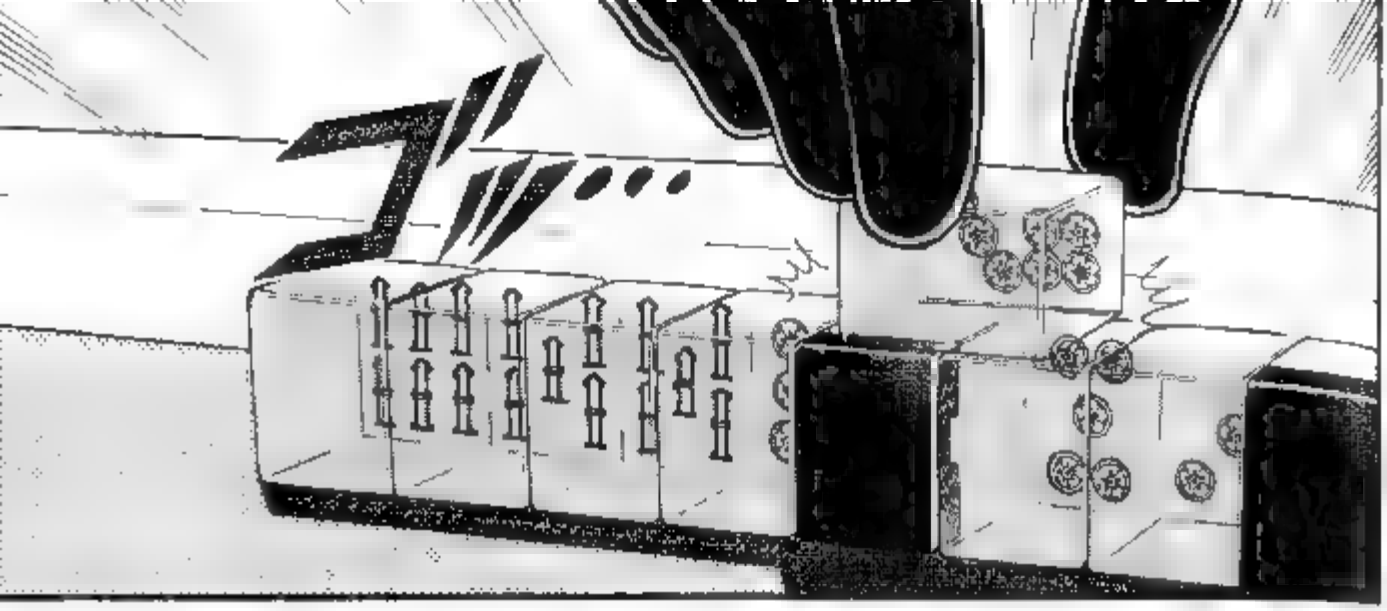
NO TREMENDOUS CUNNING, NO GENIUS STRATEGY, NO MIRACLES ...!
RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T NEED ANY OF THAT ...!
...WITH JUST THAT, IT WILL BE FINE!
WE CAN JUST USE NORMAL PLAY AND A NORMAL FLOW...
THAT'S RIGHT...
JUST PLAYING NORMALLY...!

AND IN ALL LIKE-LYHOOD...
...WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THE REST, JUST FINE!
BY JUST MAINTAIN-ING NOR-MALITY...

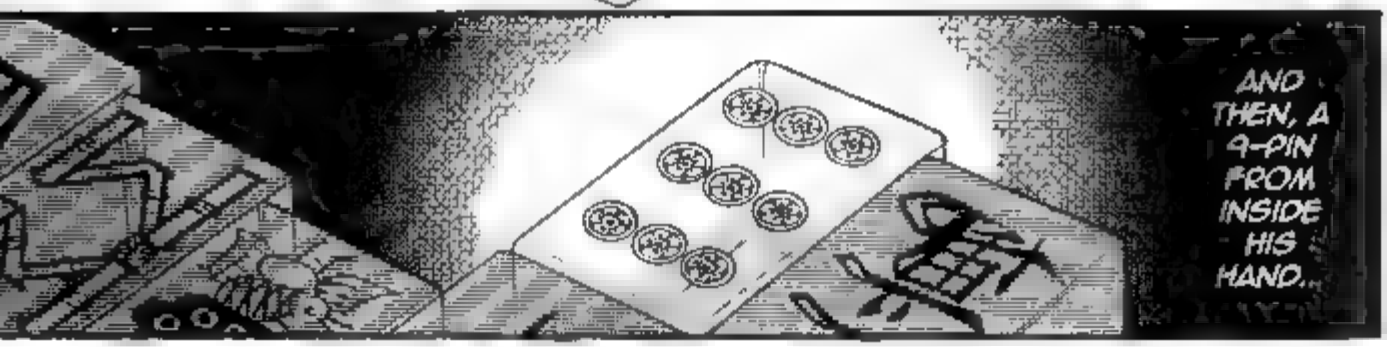
...WE CAN DEFEAT AKAGI!!

8th Turn



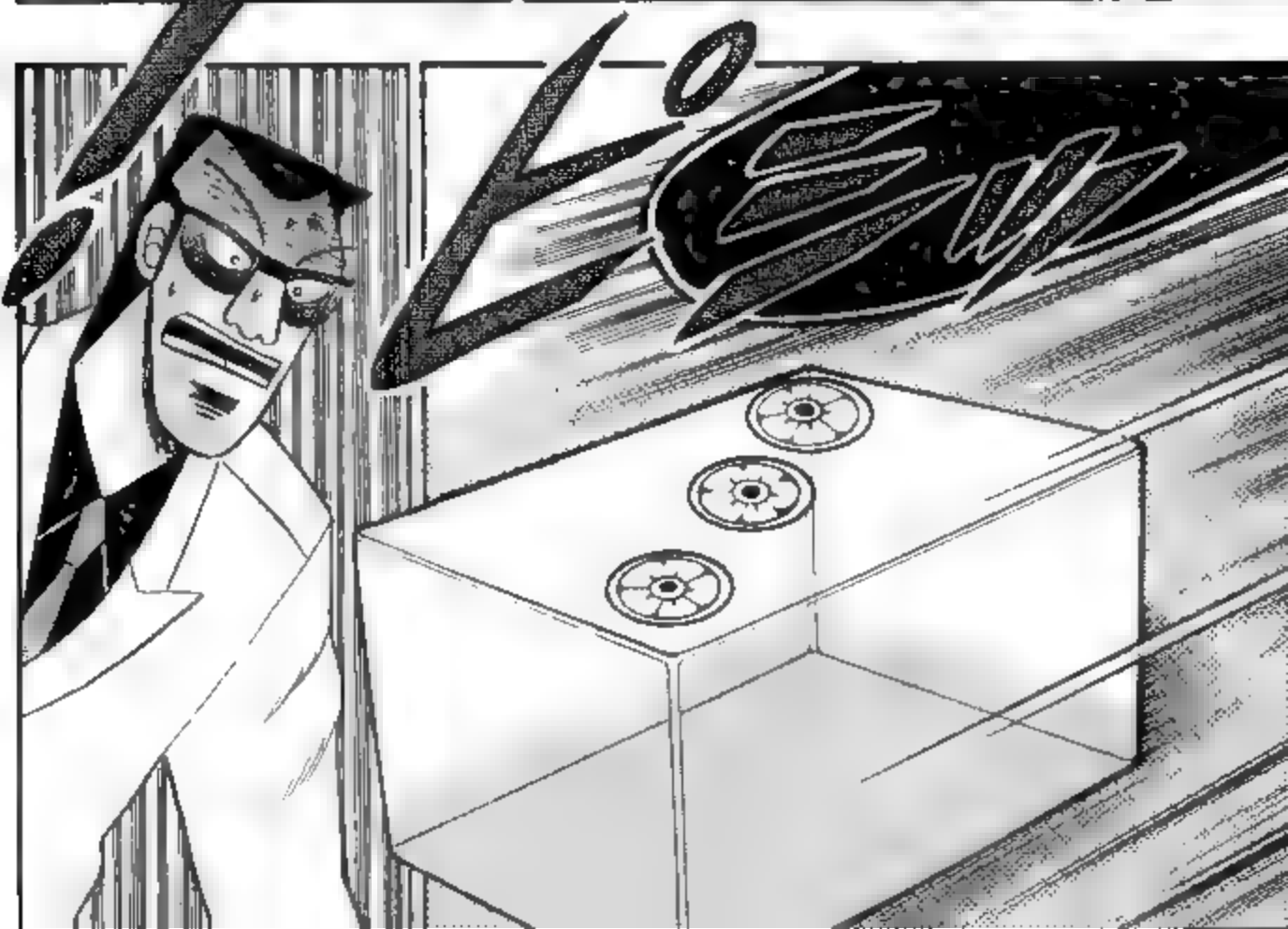


THE 7-PIN WENT IN...?


AND THEN, A 9-PIN FROM INSIDE HIS HAND...

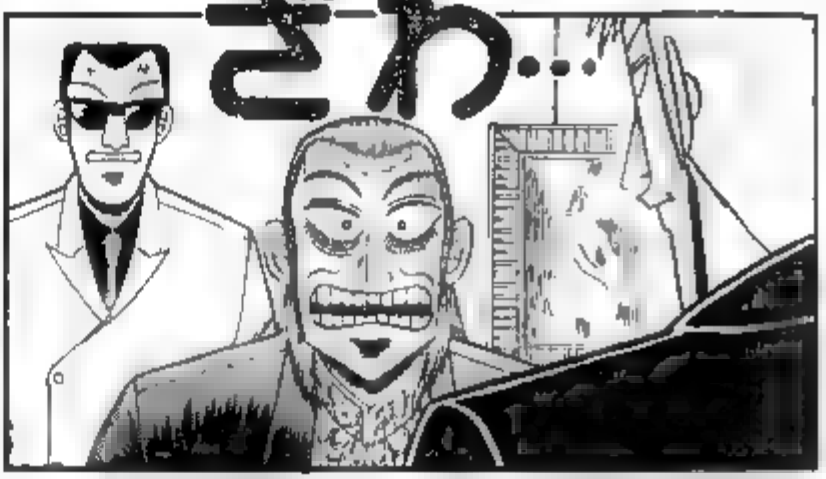
10th Turn
SEEMS LIKE HIS FLOW IS HEADING TOWARDS IT.
HE'S BUILDING UP HIS PINZU SECTION, NOW...?
TCH...!

THIS TIME, HE ACCEPTED THE 9-MAN ...!
URGH ...!



THERE IT IS...! HE'S DEALT THE 3-PIN...!

...THIS IS A BAD SIGN ...!
IT'S RAPIDLY CHANG-ING.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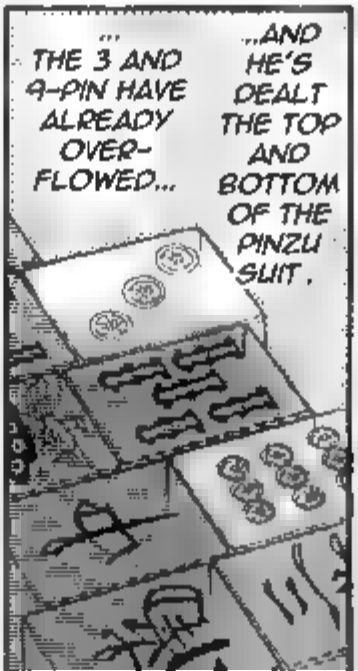
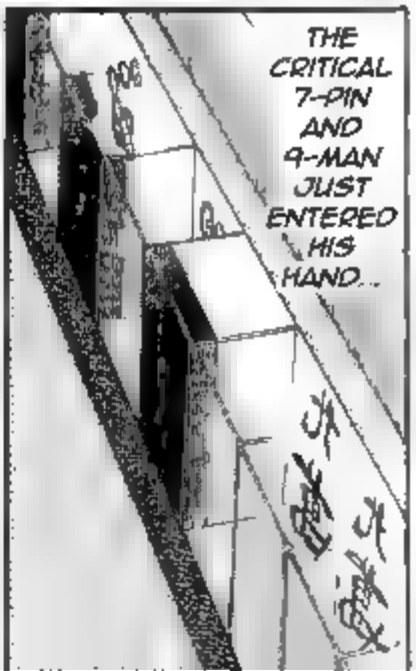
...HE'S PROB-ABLY THERE... TENPAI...!
AND AS FOR HIS WAIT...


... THE 3 AND 9-PIN HAVE ALREADY OVER-FLOWED...
...AND HE'S DEALT THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE PINZU SUIT.


THE CRITICAL 7-PIN AND 9-MAN JUST ENTERED HIS HAND...

7-MAN... 4 OR MAYBE 4-7 SOU...?

Akagi's Hand

SO, THINKING ABOUT IT THAT WAY

THEN HE'LL BE DEAD, RIGHT AT THAT MOMENT!

IF HE HAS TO PAY 5200 STRAIGHT TO WASHIZU.

ABOVE ALL ELSE, AKAGI WANTS TO AVOID A DIRECT HIT ...!

...AND THAT IS WHEN HIS PARTNER IS ABOUT TO DEAL IN!!

THERE IS ONLY ONE SITUATION WHERE HE COULD CONSIDER IT...

HEH HEH HEH ...

THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN ALLOW HIMSELF TO RIICHI!

...IT'S NOT VERY EXPENSIVE!

BUT ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT..

PERHAPS EVEN IN THE PINZU RANGE?

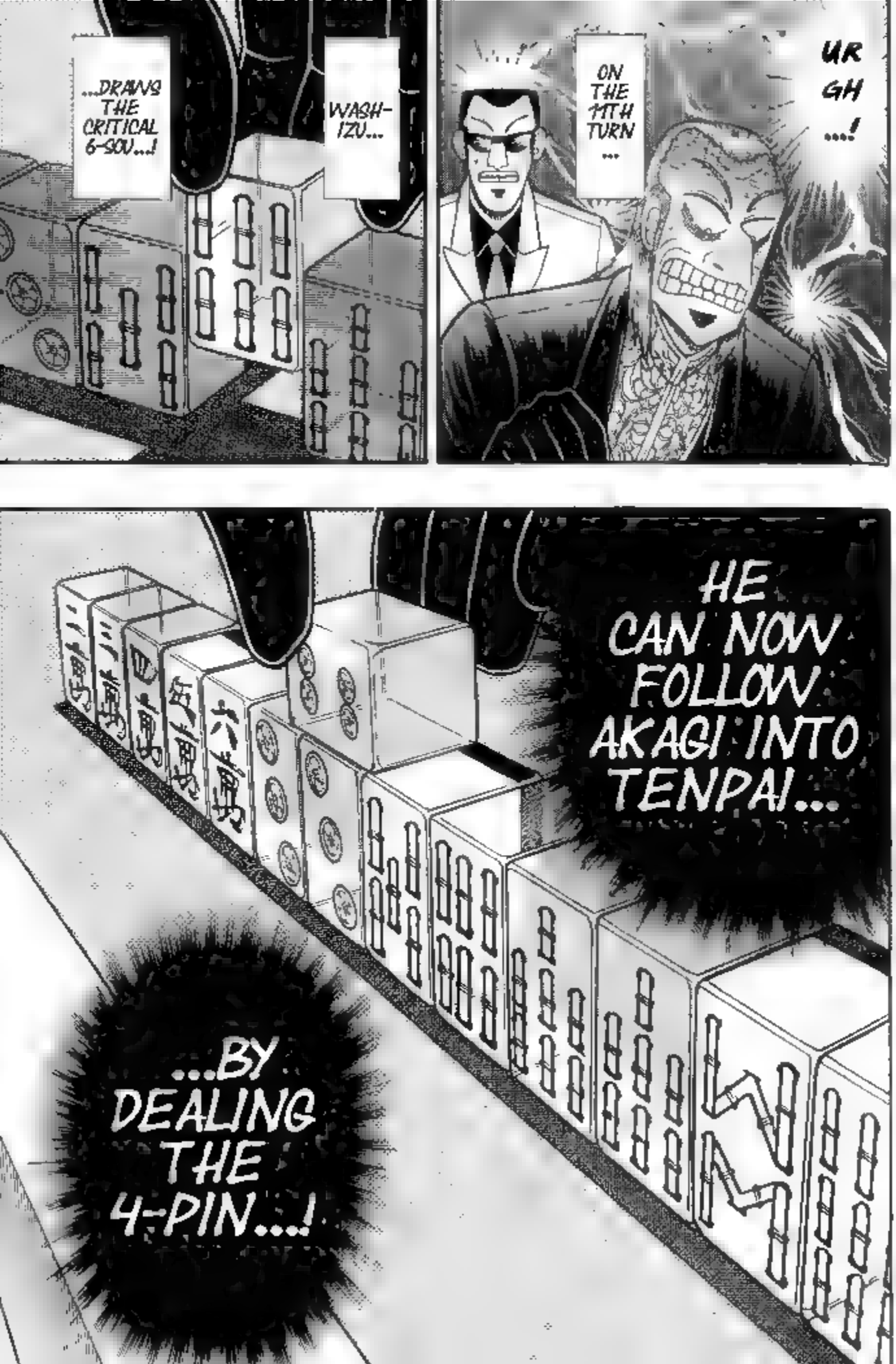
YES, THAT'S RIGHT

HEH HEH HEH ...

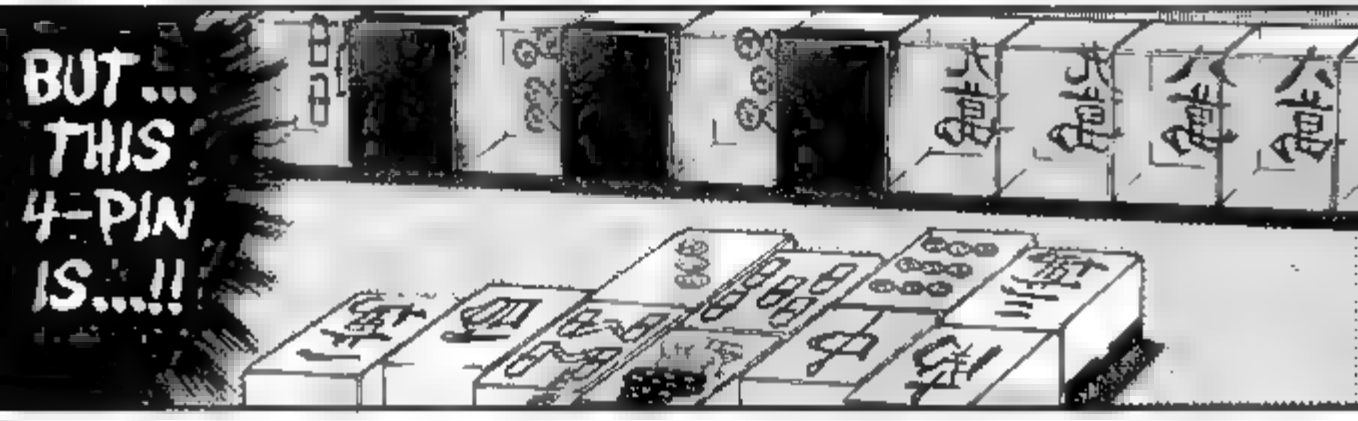
...AND HE CAN'T EVEN RIICHI...!

IT'S PROBABLY A CHEAP HAND.

YEAH ...!
THAT'S YET ANOTHER POINT WHERE WASHIZU HAS AN ADVAN-TAGE!
IF HE CAN JUST KEEP HIMSELF UNDER CONTROL
HE'LL DEFI-NITELY WIN ...!!
HE'LL WIN...!


...DRAWS THE CRITICAL 6-SOU...!
WASH-IZU...
ON THE 11TH TURN ...
URGH ....!
HE CAN NOW FOLLOW AKAGI INTO TENPAI...
...BY DEALING THE 4-PIN...!

GRGH
...!


BUT... THIS 4-PIN IS...!!

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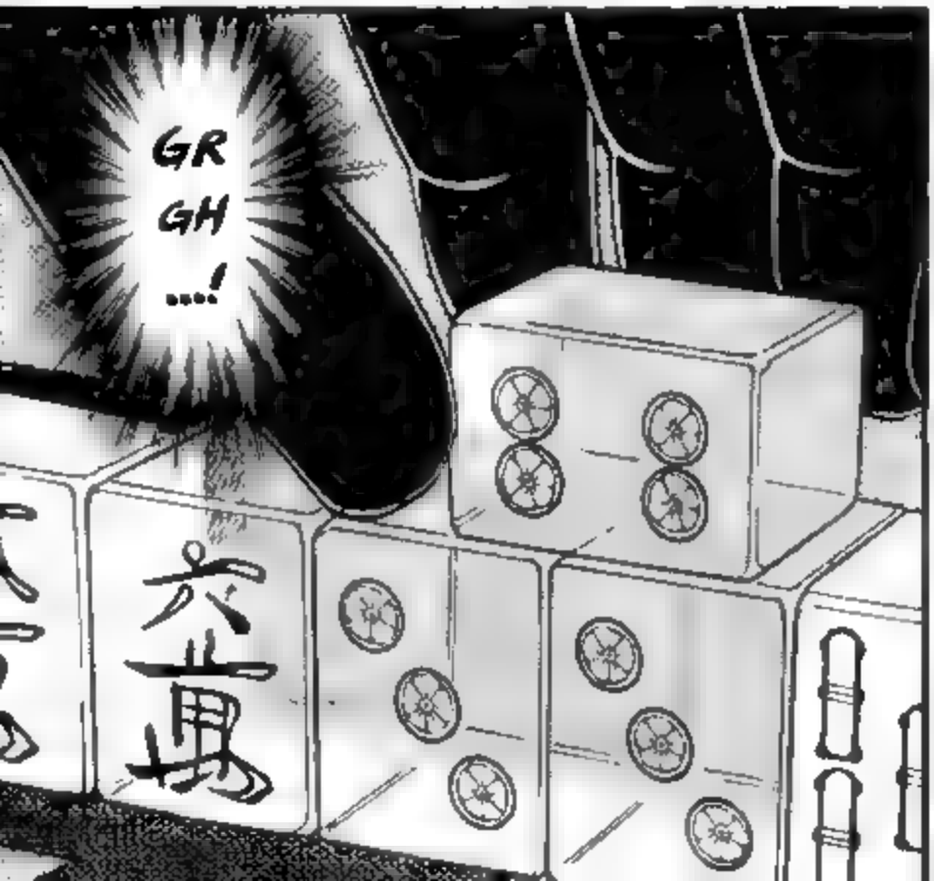

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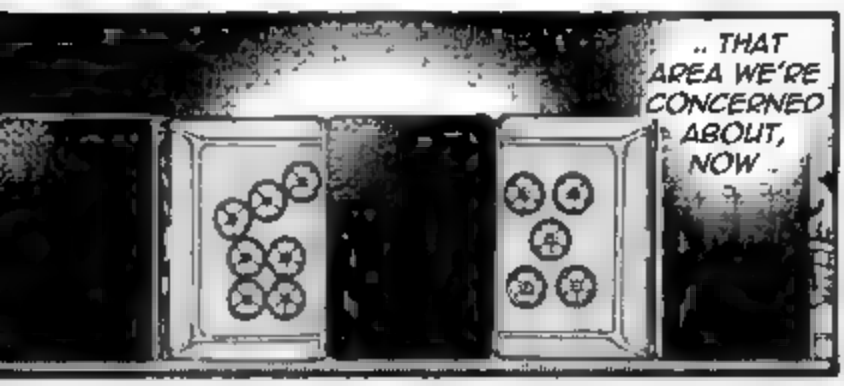
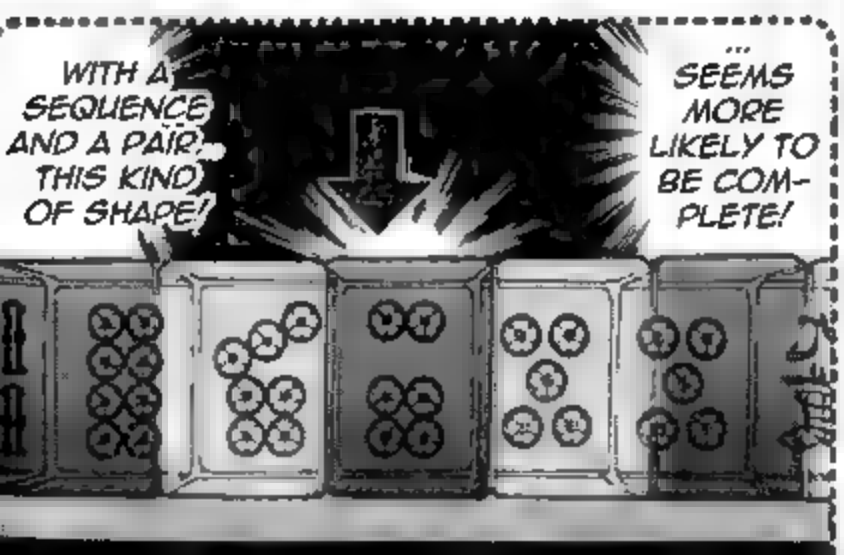
..IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THAT IT WOULD PASS, BUT..
...THANK-FULLY...
...IF YOU LOOK AT THE SHAPE OF AKAGI'S TENPAI...
MOST CER-TAIN-LY...
...IF HE DOESN'T GO FOR IT, IT'S NO GOOD!
...RATHER THAN THIS 4-PIN...
SO FOR HIS WAIT...
...AKAGI DOESN'T HAVE ANY DORA, SO IT'S A VERY CHEAP HAND!
THIS 4-PIN...

...THE 4 AND 7 SOU...
...AND AS FOR SOUZU ...
...THE 7-MAN FOR HIS MANZU STRING ...

...SEEM TO BE VERY LIKELY TO BE WHAT HE'S AFTER!


.. THAT AREA WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT, NOW ..


WITH A SEQUENCE AND A PAIR... THIS KIND OF SHAPE!
... SEEMS MORE LIKELY TO BE COM-PLETE!

..SO WITH THAT IN MIND .
THE 3-PIN AND 9-PIN HAVE COME OUT FROM HIS HAND ...

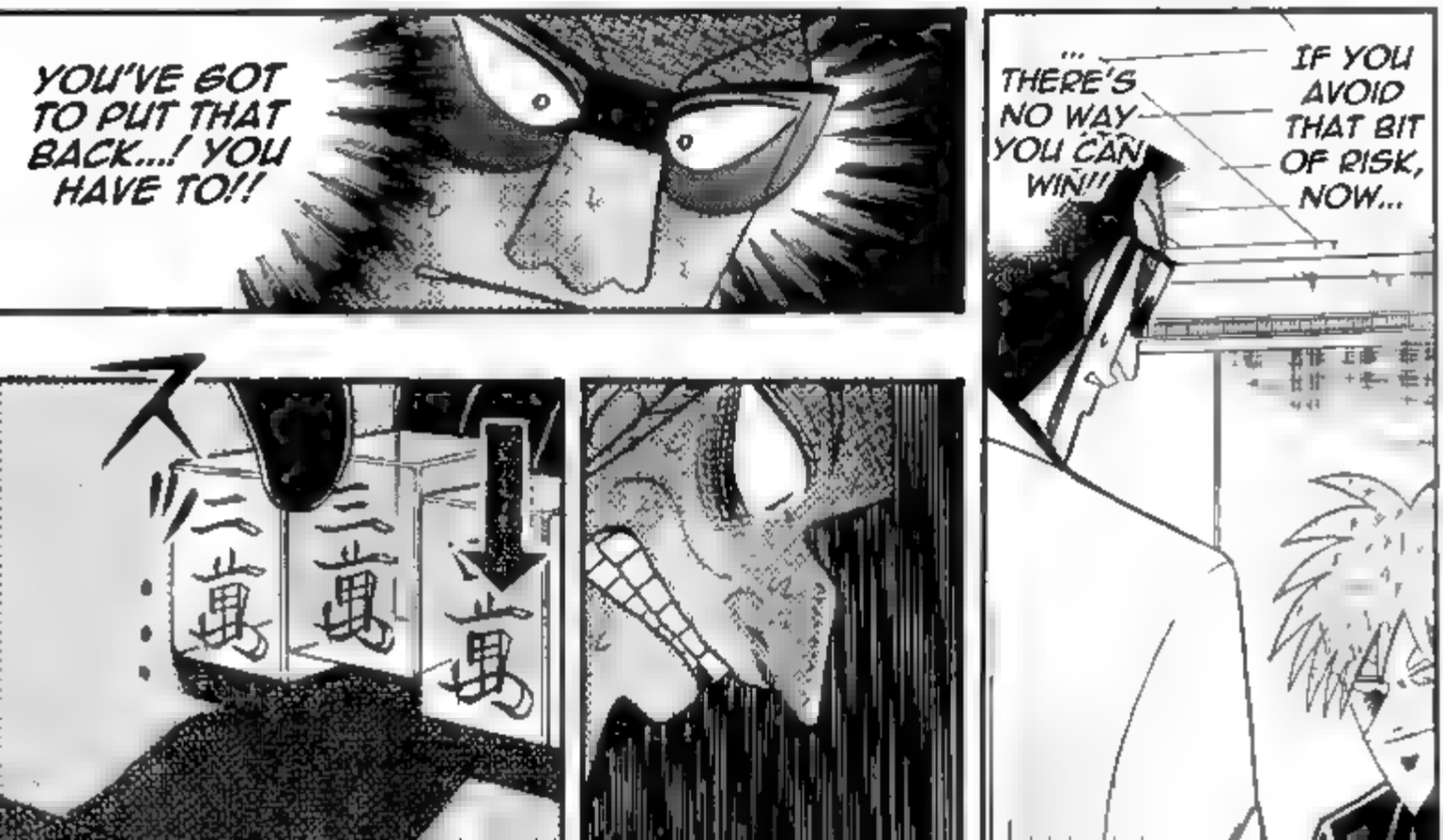
...THEN WASHIZU-SAMA...
...IF THE 4-PIN HE JUST DREW GOES THROUGH...
AND MORE IMPOR-TANT-LY...
...WILL HAVE TENPAI FOR 1, 4, OR 7 MAN!
...SUZUKI CAN IMME-DIATELY DEAL IN!
...SO IF HE CALLS RIICHI...
...HAS THE 1 AND 7 MAN SECURED IN HIS HAND...
PLUS, SUZUKI ...
RIICHI, PINFU, IPPATSU ...

...AND WITH THE 2 DORA, THAT MAKES MANGAN!
...8000 TO 12000 POINTS!
WHICH MEANS ...
WITH ANY URA-DORA, IT CAN EVEN GO UP TO HANEMAN!
...WITH THE 11,000-POINT DIFFERENCE HE HAS RIGHT NOW OVER AKAGI...
THAT MUCH IN MIND...
...HE'LL BE ABLE TO WIDEN THAT GAP EVEN FURTHER...!
TO EITHER 19,000 OR 23,000 POINTS...!
THAT'S HUGE ...!
AND ALL HE NEEDS IS THIS HAND!
THAT'S THE NUMBER OF POINTS HE CAN SECURE HIMSELF WITH!

EVEN FOR A MAN LIKE AKAGI!
...WOULD MAKE FOR A VERY STRONG DEFENSE!
AND HAVING THAT 20,000-POINT LEAD OVER AKAGI
PLUS, IT WOULD TAKE HIM TO THE SOUTH 2ND ROUND..
THERE WOULD BE NO EASY WAY TO MAKE A COMEBACK WITH A POINT DIFFERENCE LIKE THAT...!
...WE CAN EASILY MAKE A RUN FOR IT!
二萬
三萬
四萬
伍萬
六萬
RIGHT NOW, IF WE CAN GRASP THIS 20,000-POINT LEAD
WE CAN RUN AWAY!
...WE MUST GO FOR-WARD!
AND THAT'S WHY...

三萬
三萬
.....
...WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH FORCE!
AS LONG AS WE STAY IN TENPAI ...

YOU CAN'T TRY AND GO AROUND IT, NOW...!
三萬
二萬
UR GH ...!


YOU'VE GOT TO PUT THAT BACK...! YOU HAVE TO!!
...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN WIN!!
IF YOU AVOID THAT BIT OF RISK, NOW...
三萬
二萬
萬

AH HH!
THAT'S RIGHT! JUST AS I'D EXPECT, WASHIZU-SAMA!!
IF IT GOES THRO-UGH...
GO FOR IT!!
...CALL RIICHI!!

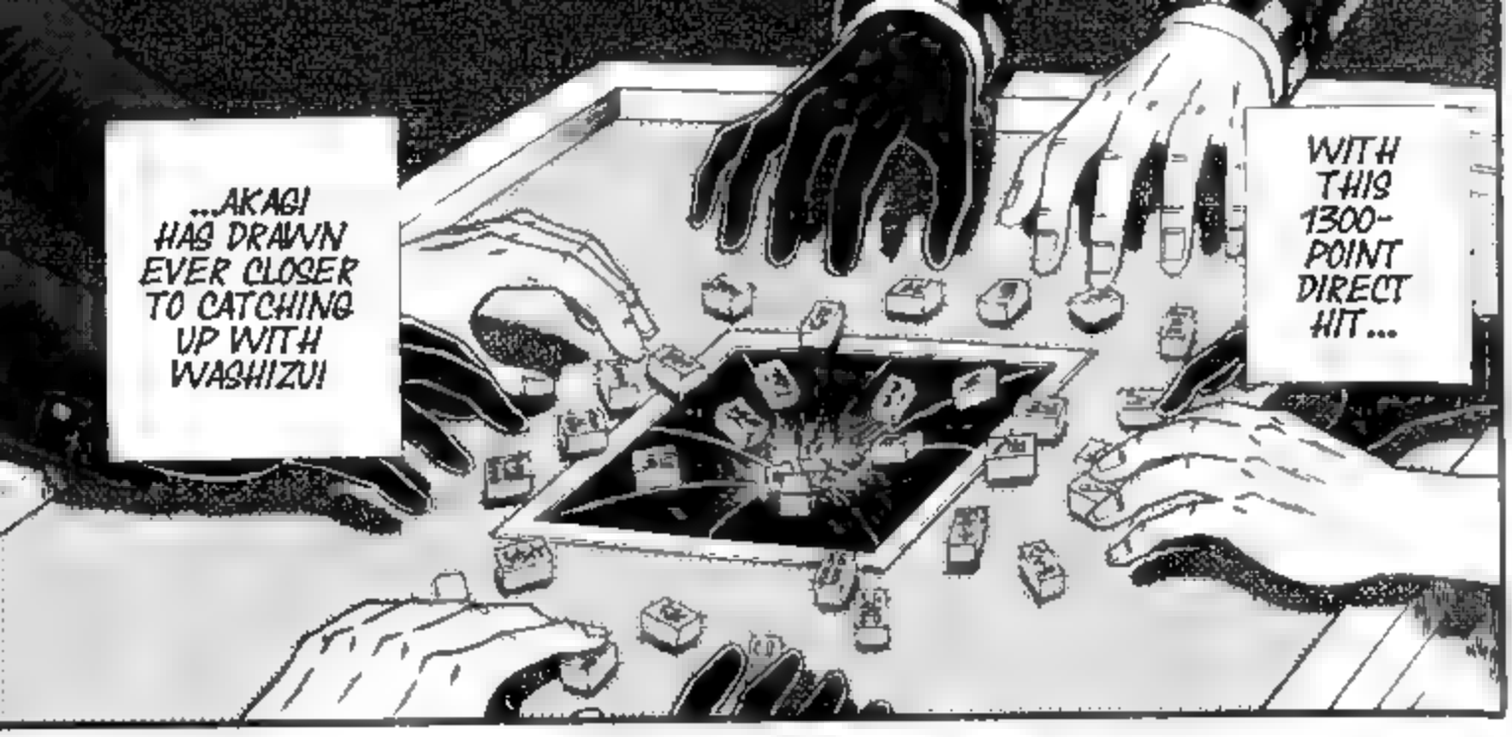
RICHI!
8000 TO 12000 POINTS ...!!
IF HE DOESN'T SAY ANY-THING, IT'S ALL OURS...!
NOW HOW WAS THAT ...?!
ざわ?

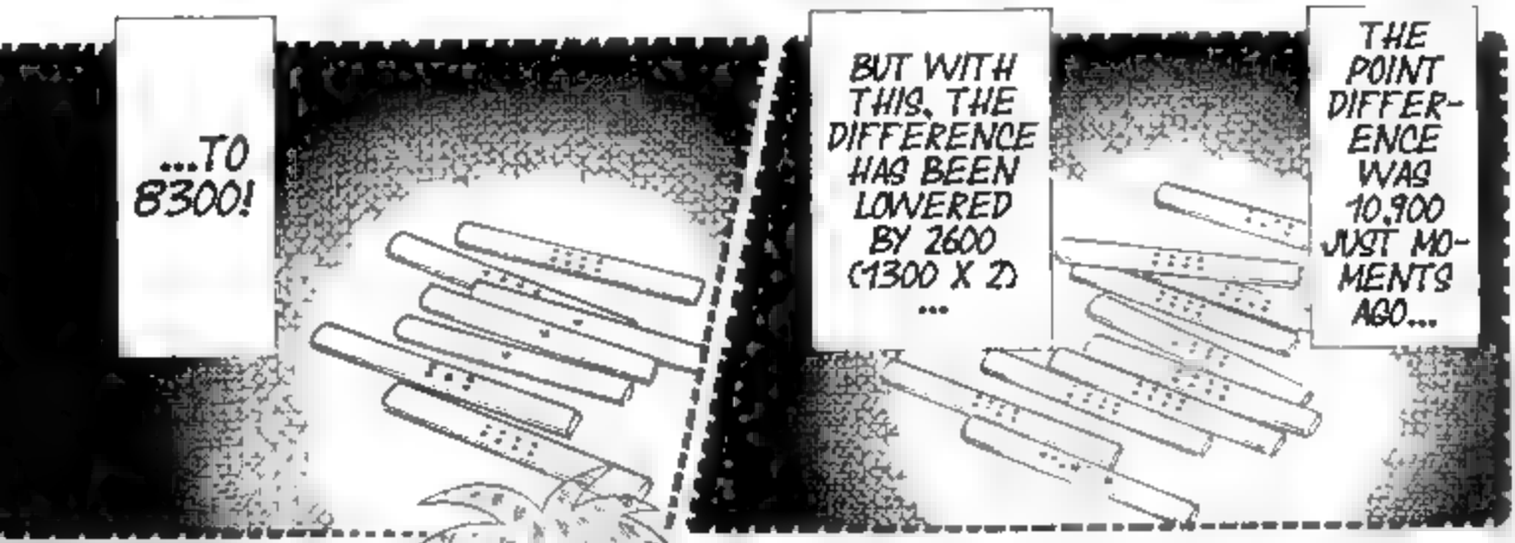
...
NO.
.....
KGH
...
ONLY
II PEI
KOU...
1300
POINTS
RON!
HE MANAGED TO PREDICT EXACTLY WHAT WOULD COME OUT...
CER-
TAINLY
...
...BUT THAT'S FINE, HERE!
HE JUST DEALT IN...
GRGH
...!
.....
...AND WAS ABLE TO WIN...
...WITH THAT CHEAPER HAND
...

THE HAND HE USED, JUST NOW...
BUT WHERE WE ARE, THAT MUCH IS FINE!
...IS QUITE AN IRREGULAR DECISION!
. THIS ISN'T A TREND THAT WILL ENDURE!
HE ONLY SLAPPED TOGETHER A QUICK, CHEAP HAND..
A FALSE THREAT!
...TO AIM FOR WASHIZU-SAMA'S UNNEEDED TILE!
HE FORCEFULLY TOOK HIS HAND ALONG THE ROUTE TO A CHEAPER HAND...
AKAGI'S CURRENT FLOW IS VERY BAD!
IT'S BAD!
...ALL HE GETS, IN THE END, IS THIS 1300 POINTS, FOR JUST THIS ONE ROUND!
FOR ALL HIS EFFORT AND CUNNING..

...HAS A MUCH BETTER FLOW THAT HE DOES!
...WASH-IZU-SAMA ...
WHEN IT COMES TO COM-PLETING HANDS, NOW...
..IT WAS A HAND THAT WAS DEFINITELY GOING TO WIN!
...AND EVEN SECURING SOME DORA AS WELL...
HIS FINAL WAIT WAS VERY PROB-ABLE...
...WASHIZU-SAMA HAS SEIZED THE FLOW OF THE GAME!
THANKS TO THAT HANEMAN TSUMO IN THE EAST 4TH ROUND...
...IS UNDENIABLY BLOWING IN WASHIZU-SAMA'S FAVOR!
RIGHT NOW, THE WIND ...
EVEN NOW, HE'S STILL NOT BAD OFF!
GETTING INTO TENPAI IS NO PROB-LEM, NOW!
EVERY-THING'S GOOD ...!

SO THEY WILL COME!
JUST NOW, HE WAS ABLE TO GET TO TENPAI WITH EASE!
HE HASN'T LOST HIS ABILITY TO GET INTO TENPAI!
...FAVOR-ABLE HANDS WILL COME WASHIZU-SAMA'S WAY!
EVEN NOW...
THE ONE STRUGGL-ING IS CLEARLY AKAGI!
NEVER THE-LESS...

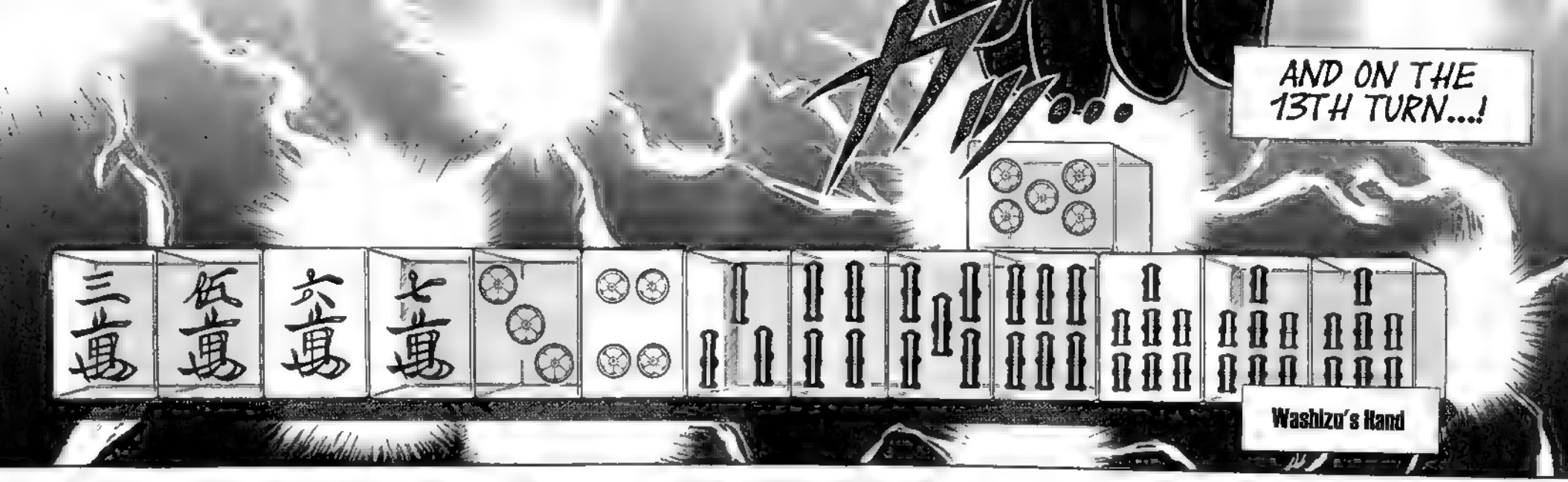

...AKAGI HAS DRAWN EVER CLOSER TO CATCHING UP WITH WASHIZU!
WITH THIS 1300-POINT DIRECT HIT...

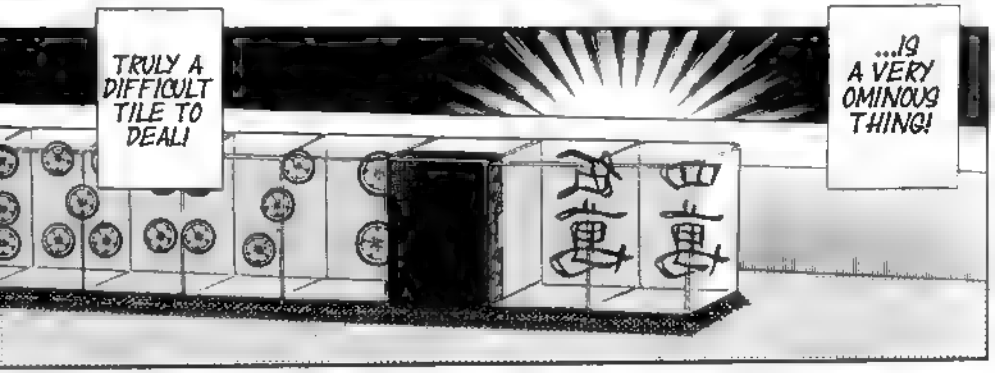

...TO 8300!
BUT WITH THIS, THE DIFFERENCE HAS BEEN LOWERED BY 2600 (1300 X 2) ...
THE POINT DIFFERENCE WAS 10,900 JUST MOMENTS AGO...

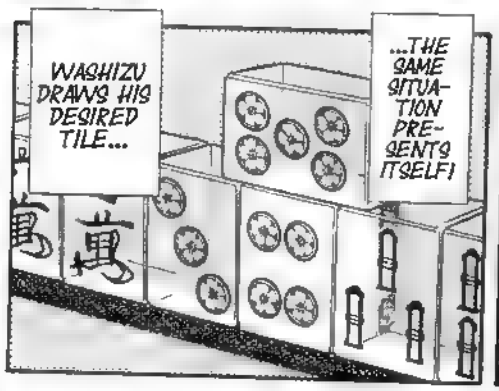
...THIS 8300-POINT DIFFERENCE!
...AN INDICATION OF THE WIND STARTING TO REVERSE DIRECTION...

LOOKING AT IT FROM WASHIZU'S PERSPECTIVE...
AKAGI IS NOW 8300 POINTS FROM HIS OPPONENT!

...TO THE SOUTH 2ND ROUND!
WITH THIS, THEY MOVE ON...


AND ON THE 13TH TURN...!
Washizu's Hand


TRULY A DIFFICULT TILE TO DEAL!
...IS A VERY OMINOUS THING!


WASHIZU DRAWS HIS DESIRED TILE...
...THE SAME SITUATION PRESENTS ITSELF!

ONCE AGAIN...
GR GH ...!

IT'S THE SAME THING!
THIS IS LIKE SOME KIND OF MAGIC...
KEH ...!

...LOOKING AT AKAGI'S HAND...
...AND YET FOR THE TILE THAT HE MUST BE RID OF TO GET INTO TENPAI...

THEN SUZUKI CAN DEAL INTO IT IMMEDIATELY AFTER...
IF THE 3-MAN PASSES, NOW...
IN THAT WAY, IT IS THE SAME AS THE ROUND BEFORE!
Suzuki's Hand
...THE SAME DECISION!
THE EXACT SAME SITUATION ...
IT'S HARD TO DEAL IT...
ごわ・・・
.THIS 3-MAN IS A DANGEROUS TILE../
...EVEN MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND ..
LOOKING AT THE STRUCTURE OF THAT HAND..
MORE THAN THAT ...
... BUT STILL ...

Akagi's Hand
WE CAN STILL FORCE OUR WAY FORWARD FOR ANOTHER ROUND!
...ALL THINGS CONSIDERED NOW...
...WE HAVE ANOTHER ROUND ...!
..THIS HAND IS IPPATSU RIICHI, TANYAO, PINFU, WITH 1 DORA..
EITHER WAY, IF THAT TILE PASSES NOW..
ON THE OTHER HAND ...
TAKING THIS GAMBLE IS QUITE WORTHWHILE!
A POTENTIAL MANGAN!
... JUST THIS ONE TIME ..
AND SO...
... THAT'S UNREASONABLE FOR EVERY SINGLE ROUND!
HIS HAND WOULD BE UNUSEABL IF HE WERE TO GUESS WRONG, SO ...
..BEING ABLE TO PREDICT WHAT TILE WILL OVERFLOW
EVEN FOR SOMEONE LIKE AKAGI..
...AND PULL TOGETHER A WAIT FOR IT EVERY ROUND IS UNIMAGINABLE!

WASHIZU-SAMA...!!
...YOU HAVE TO BE STRONG...!
WASHIZU'S CONCLUSION...
HOWEVER...
HUH...?
...THAT OMINOUS 3-MAN...!
HE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A SINGLE WAIT FOR THAT TILE...!
THAT HE COULD NOT DEAL THAT DANGEROUS TILE...
...WAS THAT HE MUST PICK A SAFE TILE AGAINST AKAGI... THE 6-SOU HE HAD PLAYED!
...BUT IT WOULD STILL PUT HIM IN TENPAI.
...AND SUZUKI WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DEAL IN...
...HIS HAND WOULD LOSE PINFU AND BECOME MORE CHEAP...
OF COURSE, WITH A 3-MAN SINGLE WAIT...

A STRATEGY RETREATING INTO SAFETY, WHILE NOT QUITE GIVING UP ON EVERY-THING AT ONCE...!
HE WOULD BET THAT THINGS WOULD WORK OUT LATER...!
BUT THIS COMPROMISING SOLUTION TO DANGER WAS QUICKLY OVER-TURNED!
HAH ...?
AND THE ONE WHO DID SO WAS YASUOKA!
URGH ...!
CHUN. 2 DORA. FOR 5200 POINTS!

YASUOKA COULD ALSO AIM TO STEAL FROM WASHIZU!
WHA ...?
AKAGI WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE HE HAD TO LOOK OUT FOR!
RR GH ...!
AN ATTACK FROM THE SHAD-OWS!
Yasuoka's Hand
THE OPAQUE 8-PIN ...?
... AKAGI CAN'T HAVE AN IT SUM ...!
SO, THEN ...
HMM HM HM ...

GAH!!
.....
IT WAS TRUE ...
...AKAGI'S FLOW WAS NOT GOOD!
KGH ...!
HMM HM HM ...
NOTEN ...?!

HOW-EVER ...
IN THIS ROUND, HE COULD NOT EVEN FORM A TENPAI!

...HE WAS STILL DRAWING EVER CLOSER IT WASHIZU'S LEAD!
EVEN WITH AKAGI'S SLOW, DIFFICULT FLOW...

...WAS UN-DOUBTEDLY WASHIZU!
THE ONE BEING PUSHED BACK ...

HE WAS BEING FORCED BACK-WARDS!

HE WAS ABLE TO PRESSURE HIM!

CHAPTER 128-CONFINEMENT

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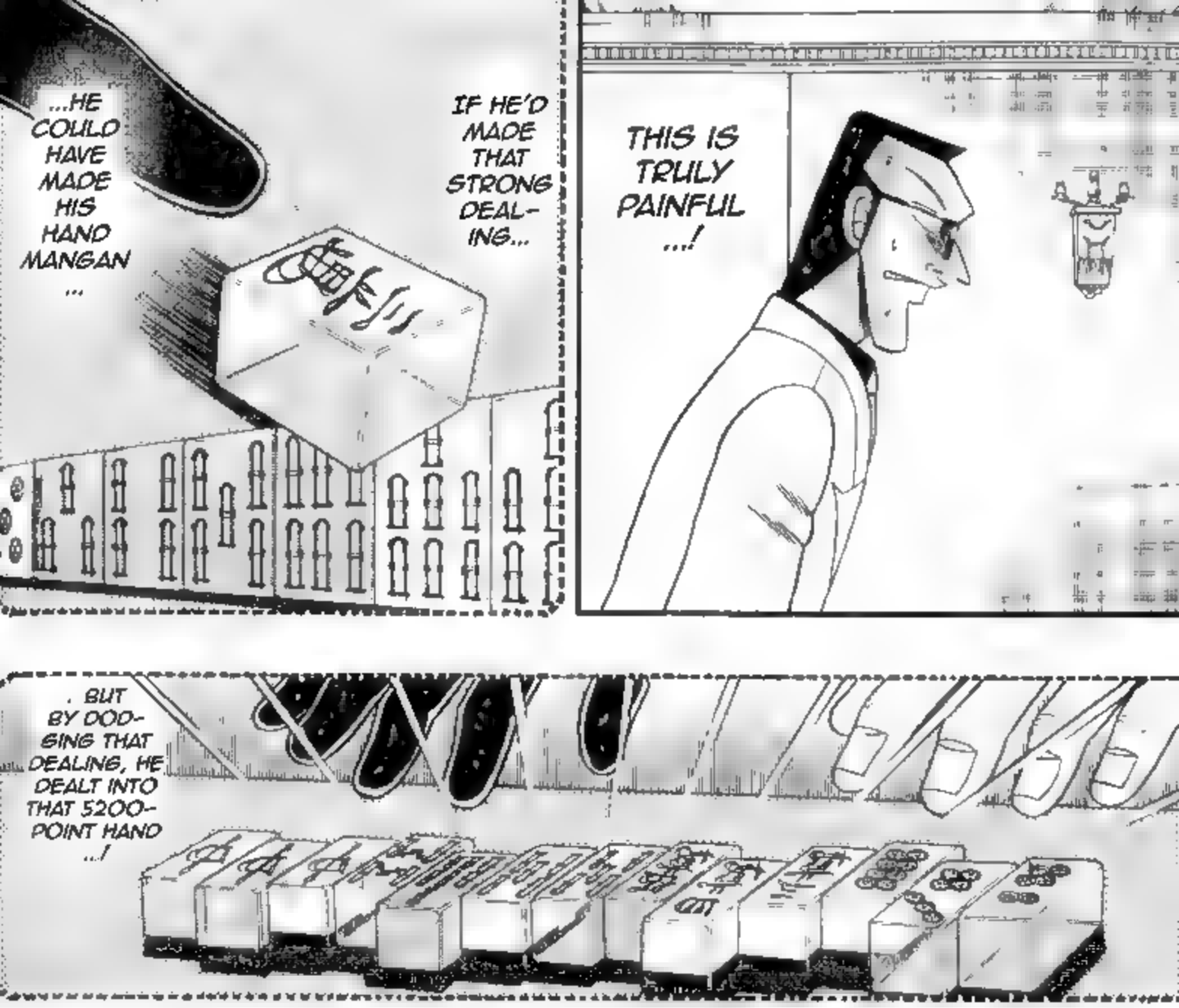
GG GG HH ...!
WASHIZU HAS DEALT INTO YASUOKA'S HAND...!
THE SOUTH 2ND ROUND
KEH!
AND WITH THIS 5200-POINT LOSS...

.....
THE POINT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AKAGI AND WASHIZU, NOW...
Washizu: 26,700 Points
Remaining Funds: 282.4 Million Yen
Akagi: 23,600 Points, -2000 ecs
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 317.8 Million Yen
IT HAS BECOME A POINT DIFFERENCE THAT COULD OVER-TURN IF WASHIZU IS IN NOTEN WHEN THE GAME COMES TO A DRAW!
...HAS DROPPED TO A MERE 3100 POINTS!
26700
23600
PAIN-FUL ...!
.....


...HE COULD HAVE MADE HIS HAND MANGAN ...
IF HE'D MADE THAT STRONG DEAL-ING...
THIS IS TRULY PAINFUL ...!

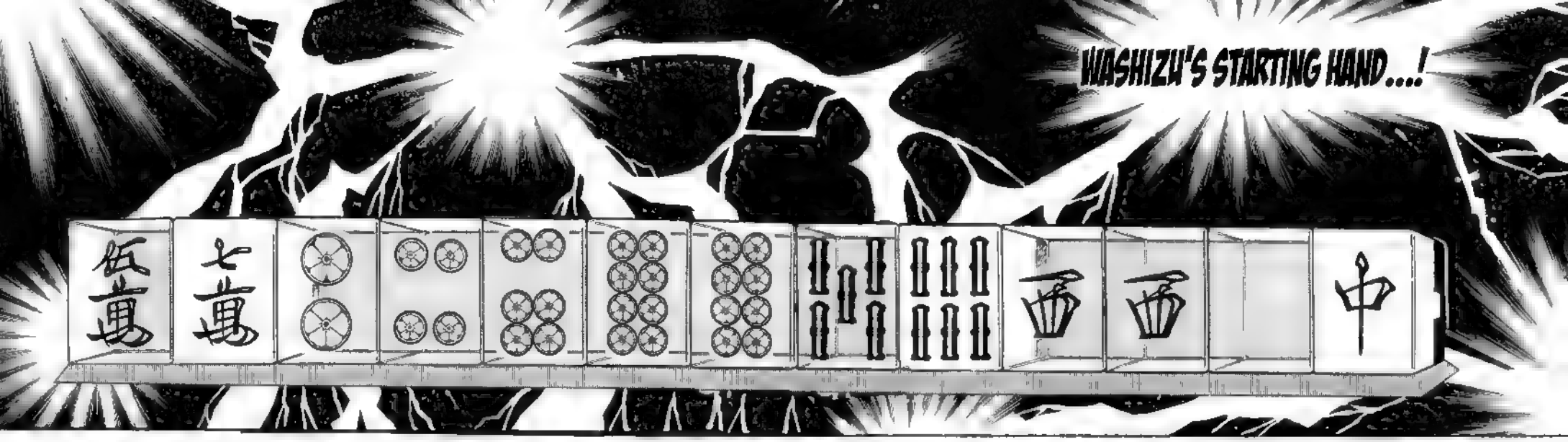
. BUT BY DOD-GING THAT DEALING, HE DEALT INTO THAT 5200-POINT HAND ...!

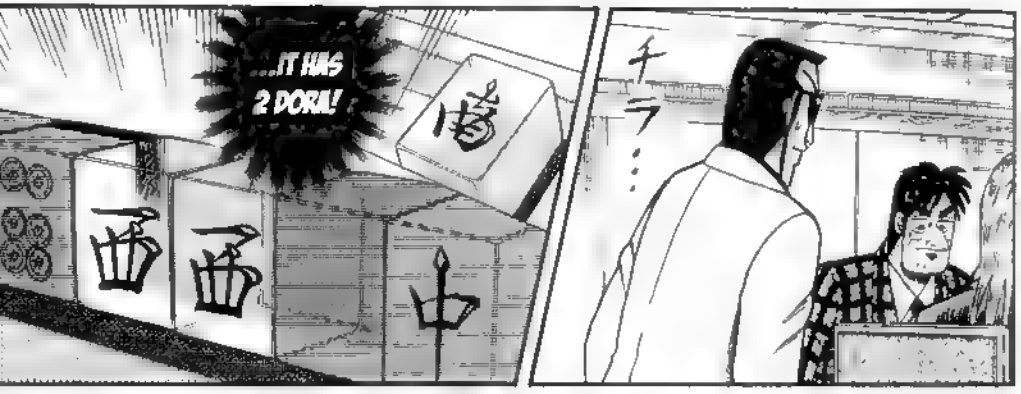
...THIS IS NOW THE SOUTH 3RD ROUND...!
BE THAT AS IT MAY...

BUT STILL ...

THIS IS JUST TOO CRUEL ...!!

...STILL HAS A LEAD!
WASHIZU-SAMA...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT...
AND RIGHT UP AT THE END, NOW...
THERE ARE ONLY 2 ROUNDS LEFT AFTER THIS...!
HE HAS A LEAD OVER AKAGI!
カチャ...
AND THAT'S WHY...
HE'S STILL WINNING!
...WE CAN'T GIVE UP, YET! THERE IS STILL A PATH TO VICTORY!


WASHIZU'S STARTING HAND...!


...IT HAS 2 DORA!
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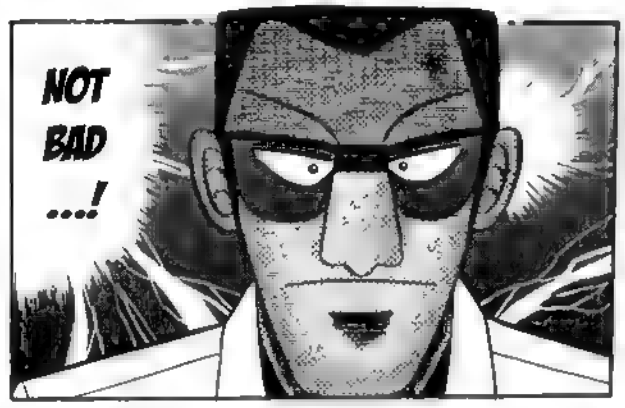
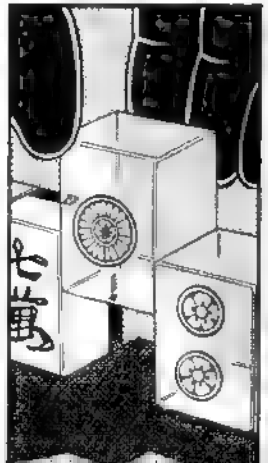
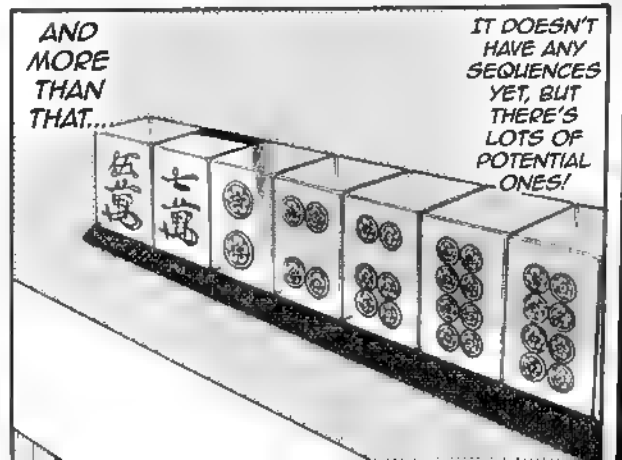
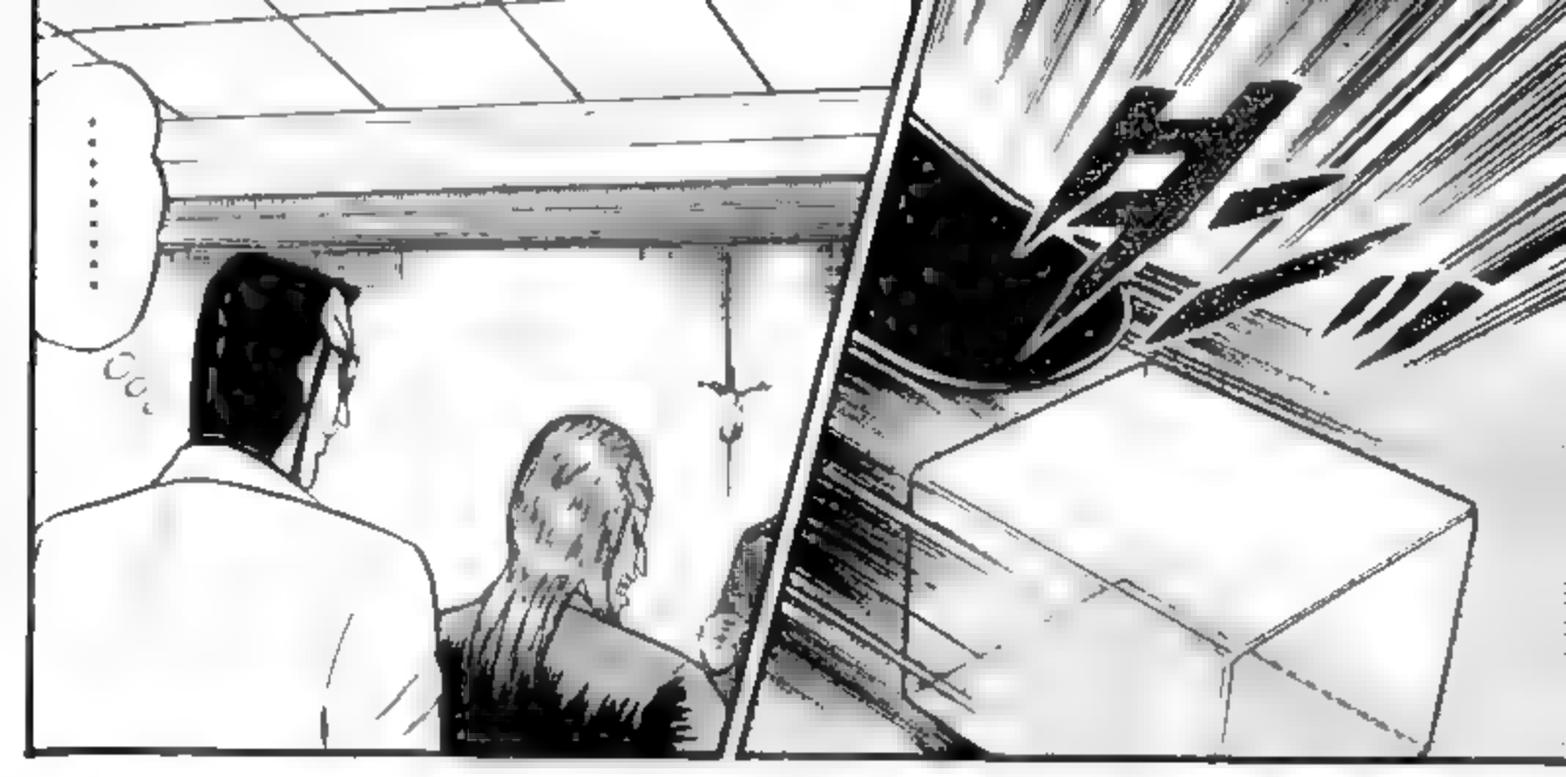

NOT BAD ...!

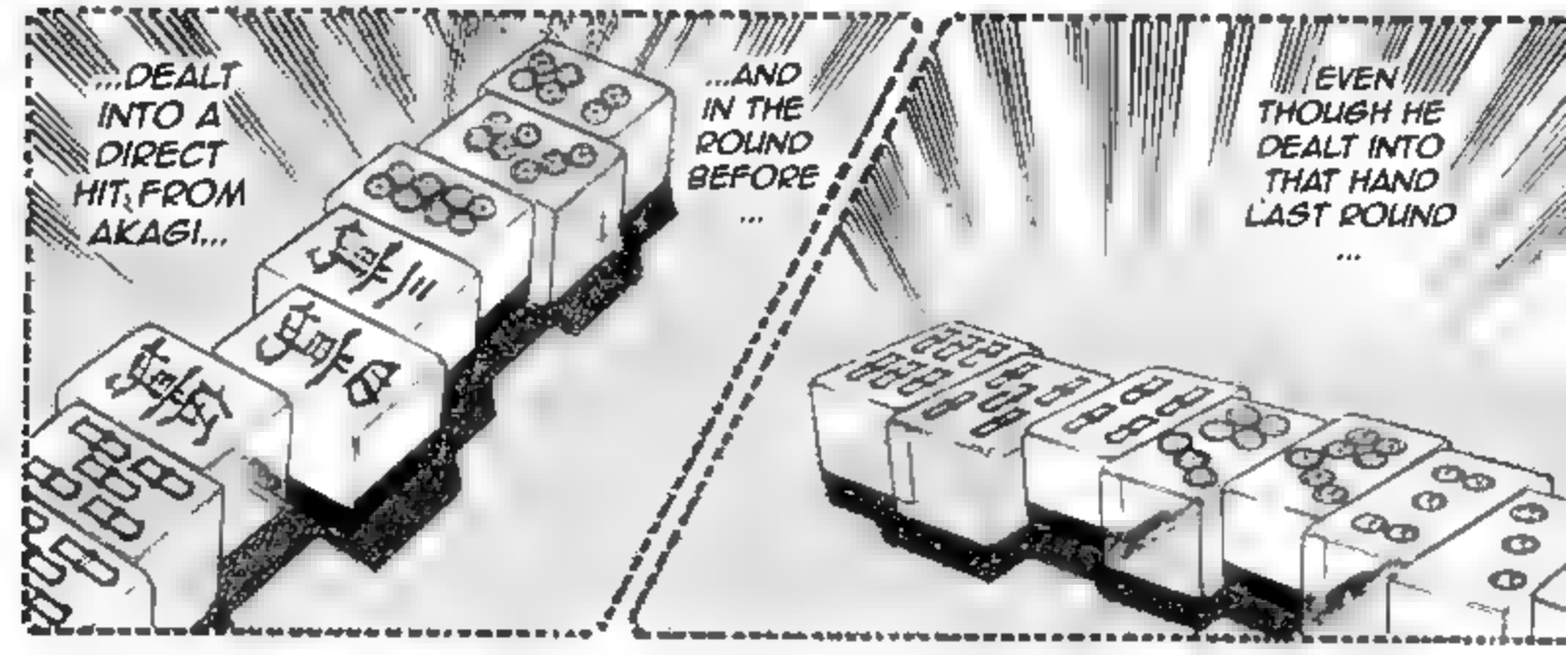
HE'S STILL IN THERE!



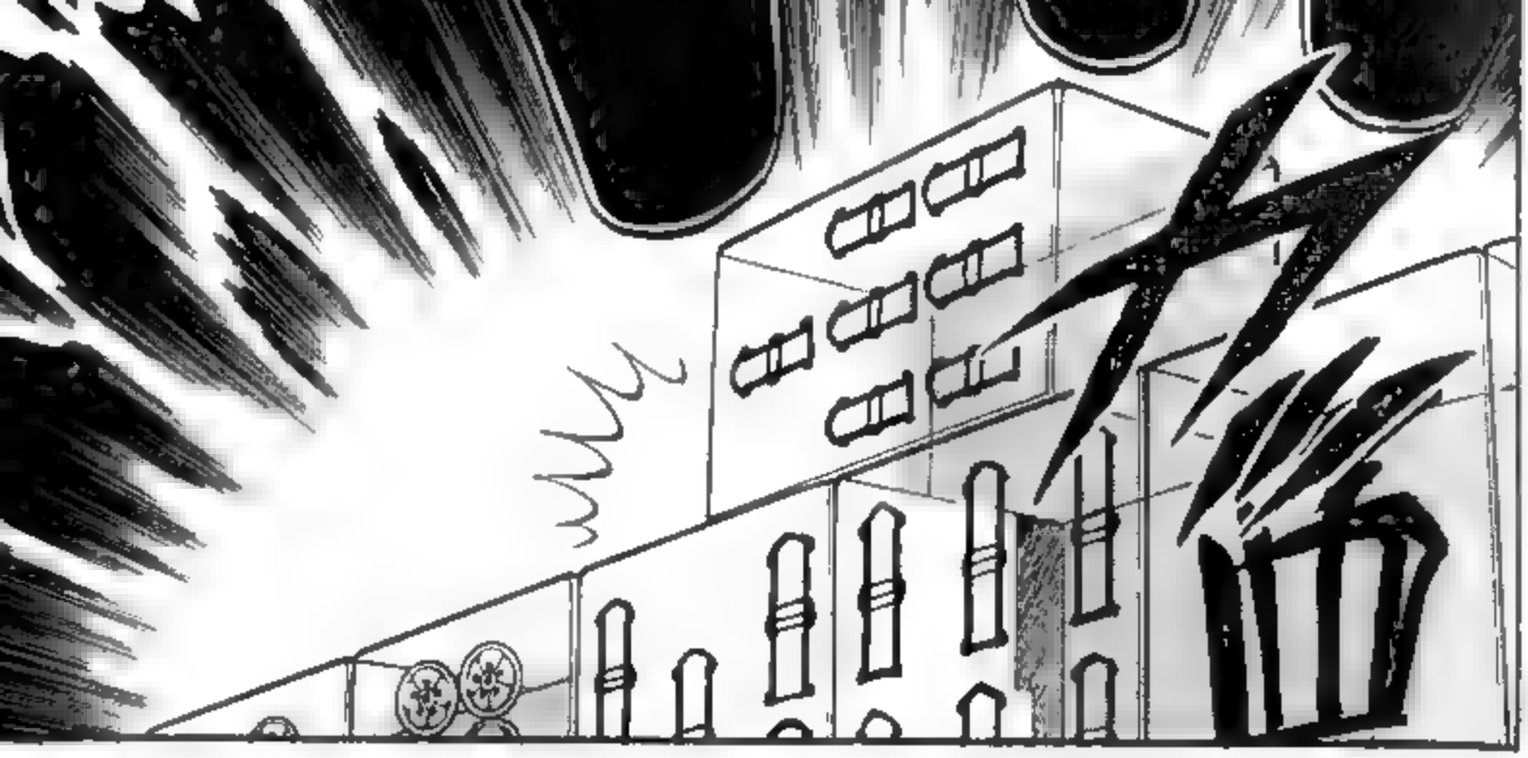
...IT'S A MANGAN HAND THAT HE CAN HAVE DEALT INTO!
IF THOSE SEQUENCES FILL UP...


AND MORE THAN THAT....
IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY SEQUENCES YET, BUT THERE'S LOTS OF POTENTIAL ONES!



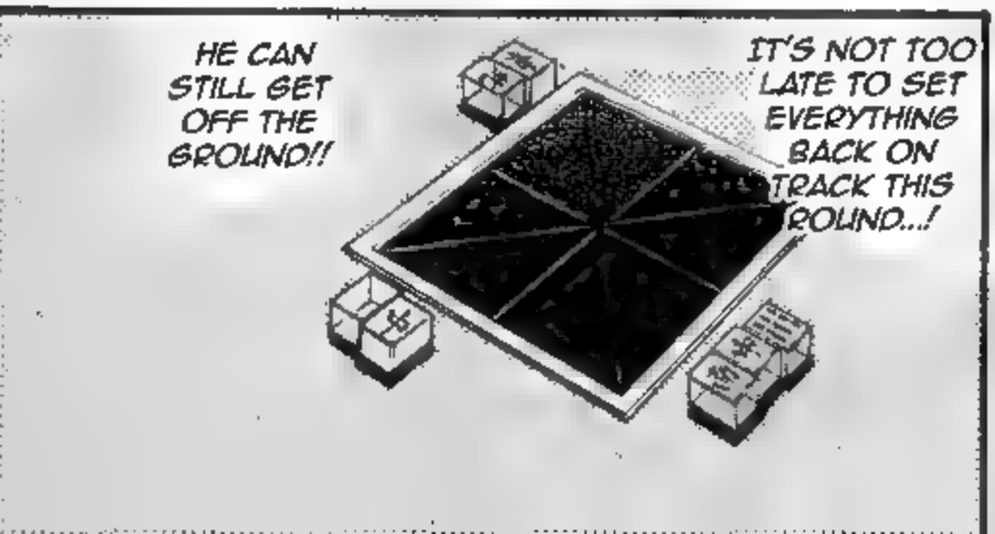


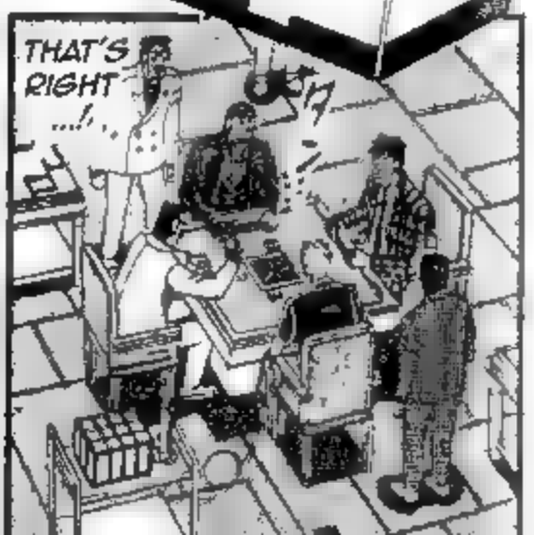
HE HASN'T LOST IT YET...!



HE CAN RUSH FOR-WARD!

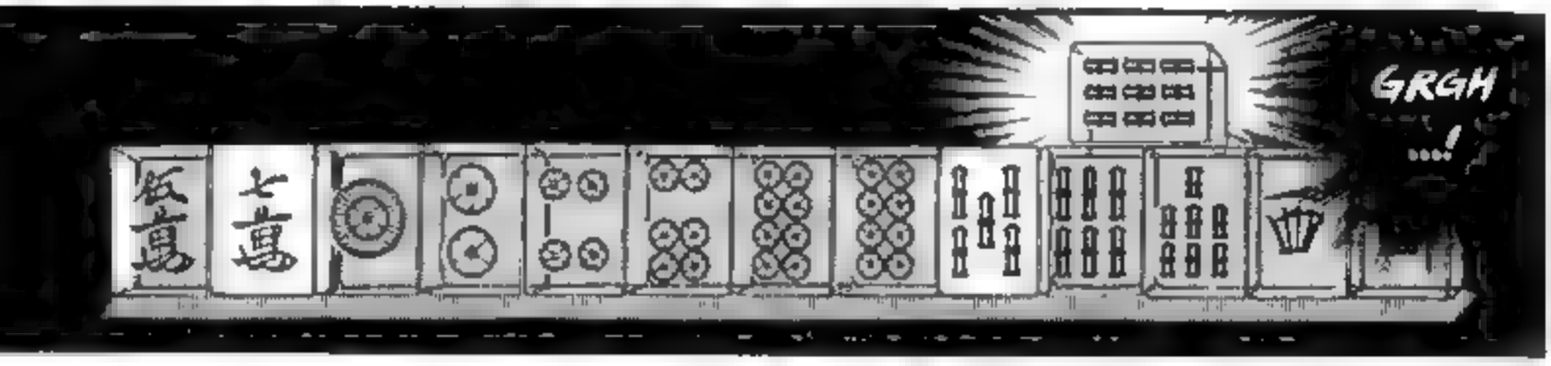
HE CAN STILL RUSH FOR WARD!

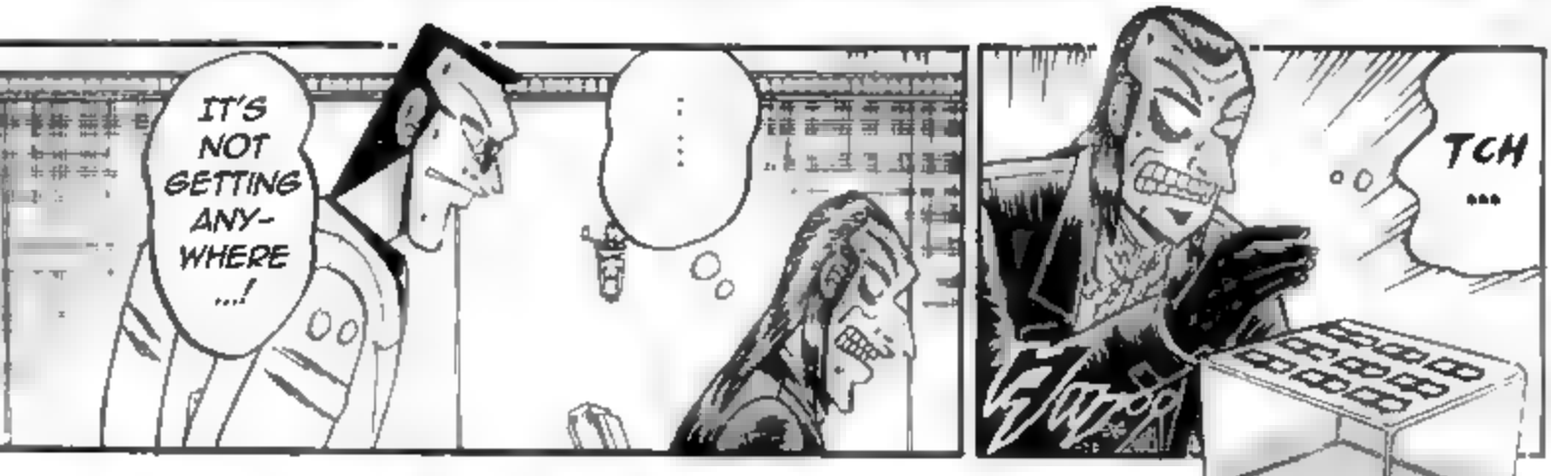

HE CAN STILL GET OFF THE GROUND!!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SET EVERYTHING BACK ON TRACK THIS ROUND...!


THAT'S RIGHT ...!

...THEN HE CAN REGAIN HIS BALANCE!!
ALL HE NEEDS IS TO MAKE IT PAST THAT ONE RISKY DISCARD! IF HE CAN DO THAT...
HE HAS TO START THE CHAIN GOING!
BUT THE PROBLEM IS IN GETTING THAT STARTED...
HE'LL BE ABLE TO START OVER AGAIN!
...CAN BE BROUGHT DOWN!
...THEN EVEN WASHIZU SAMA'S DIVINE LUCK...
IF HE MAKES THE WRONG MOVES 3 STRAIGHT TIMES...
...THREE ROUNDS IS TOO MUCH...!
BUT...
HE'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME MORE WINS!!

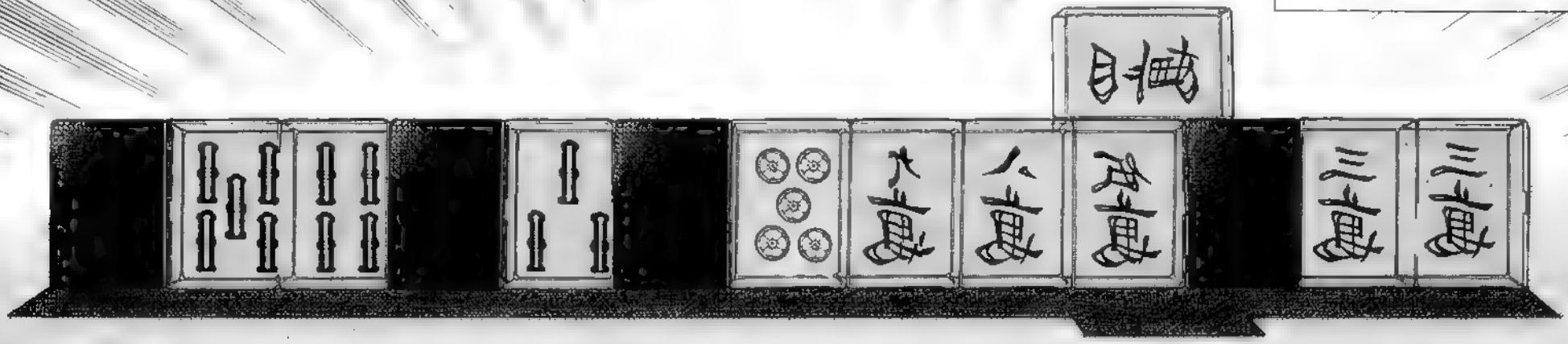
IT WOULD BE A FATAL WOUND!!


GRGH ...!

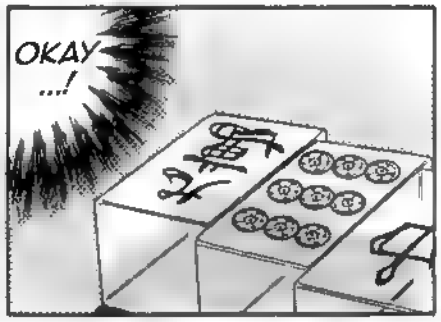

IT'S NOT GETTING ANY-WHERE ...!
...
TCH ...

MUCH LESS SO, IN FACT!
...IT ISN'T VERY FAST, EITHER!
OF AKAGI'S HAND, OVER THERE...
BUT FROM THE GENERAL LOOK...

Akagi's Hand



SO THAT MEANS ...
HE'S GIVEN UP ON THE 9-8 MAN END WAIT ...!


OKAY ...!

THAT 4-MAN ...!!
HE'S ACCEPTING IT...!

KGH ...!

EVEN STILL!
HE'S A WAYS FROM TENPAI!

WHAT'S HE GOING TO CUT ...?
SO, THEN ...

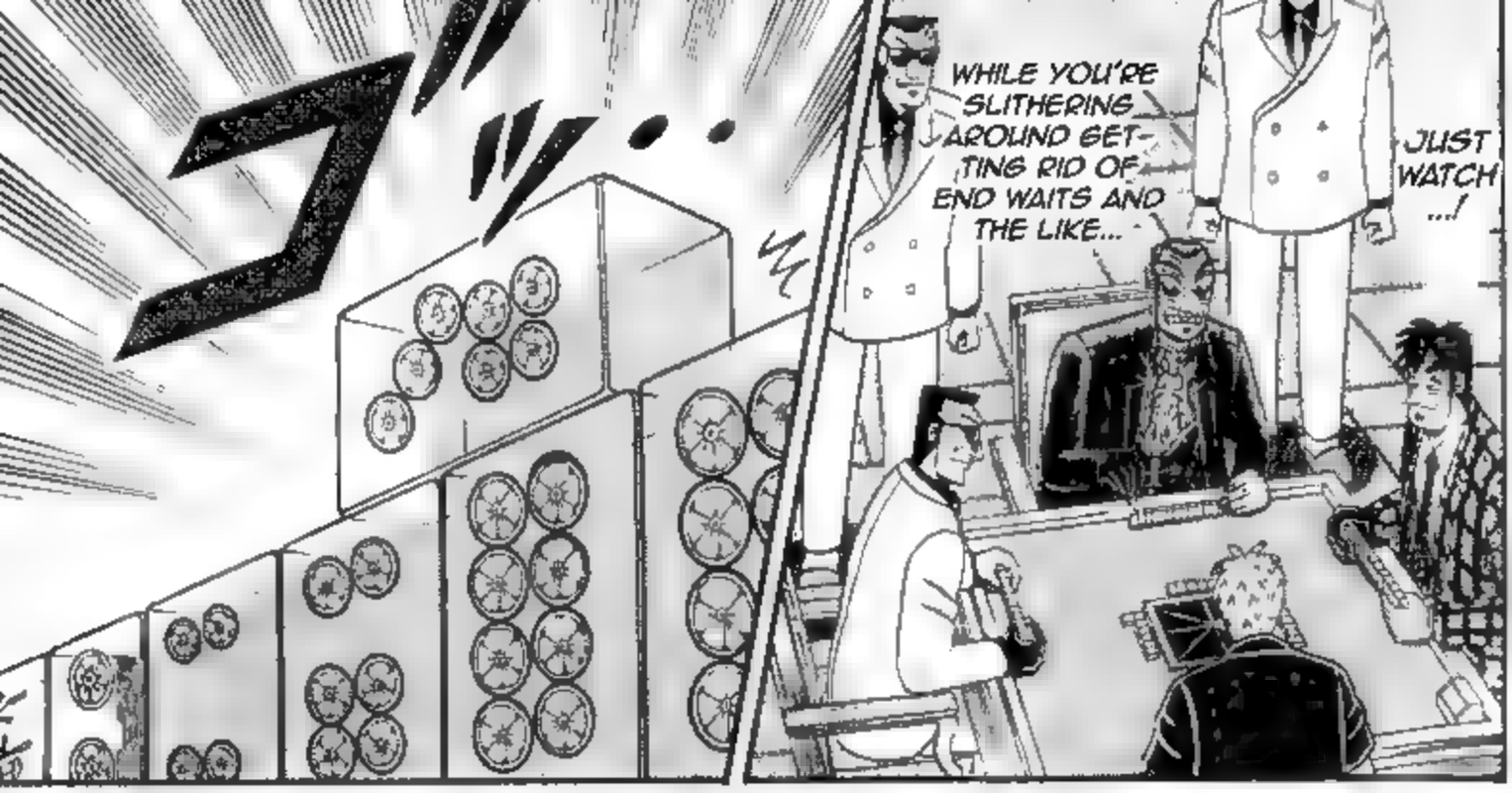
GOOD ...!
Washizu's Hand

I'M GOING TO GET THERE ...!

THAT THE MATCH IS MINE...!

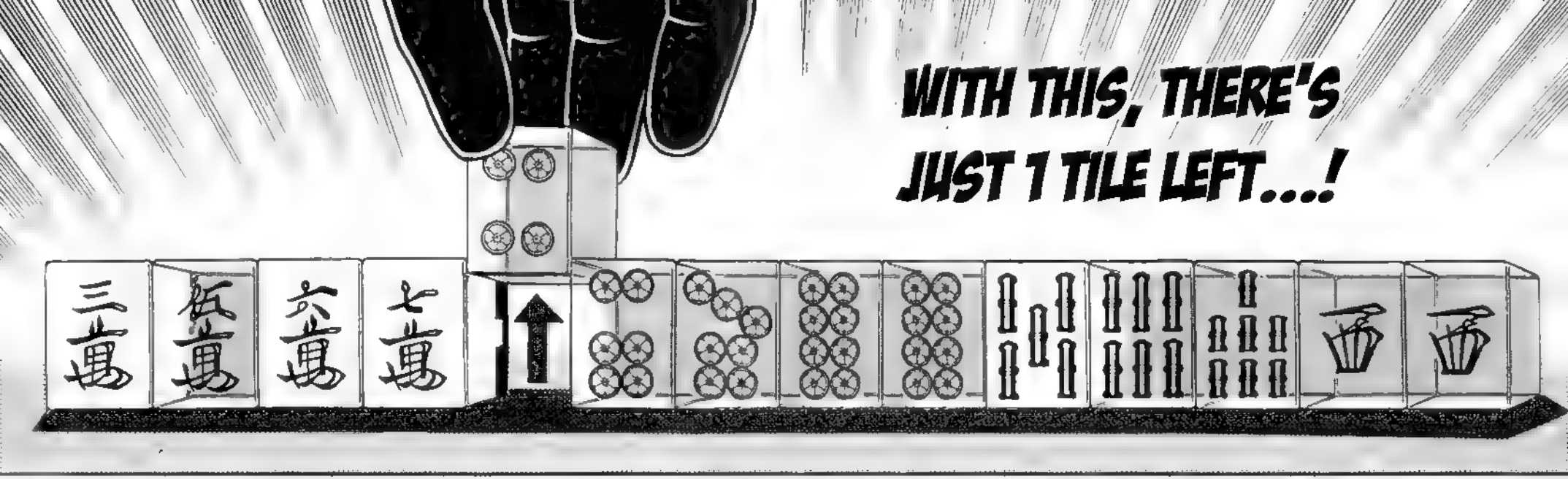
...THAT MEANS ...
...AND TAKE THAT HAND TO A WIN...

...IF I CAN GET TO TENPAI BEFORE HE DOES,
NO MATTER WHAT ...

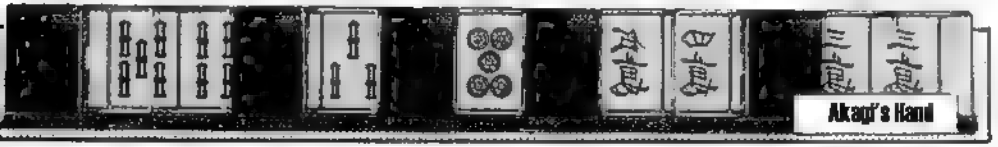

WHILE YOU'RE SLITHERING AROUND GETTING RID OF END WAITS AND THE LIKE...
JUST WATCH .../

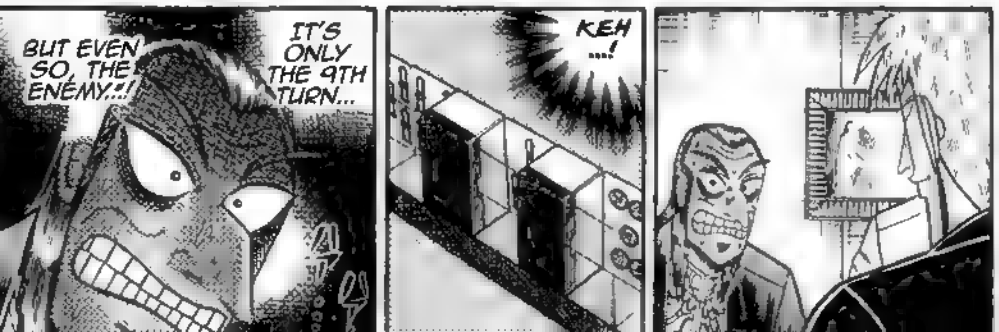
8th Turn
I WILL MAKE IT THERE!

I WILL MAKE IT!!
VERY GOOD ...!

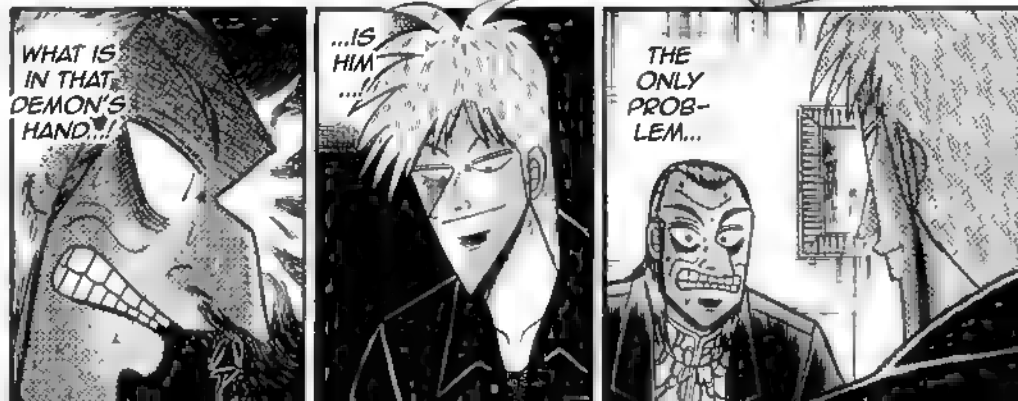

WITH THIS, THERE'S JUST 1 TILE LEFT....!

THAT'S THE BEST WAY...! BUT...
AND THEN RIICHI!
...I NEED TO BE FASTER THAN HIM!
SO HE CAN'T PUT TOGETHER SOME STRANGE, SNEAKY WAIT...

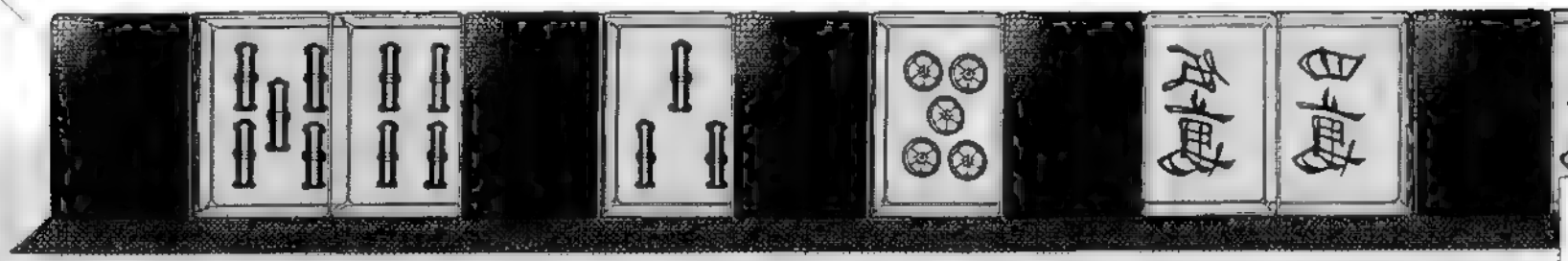

Akagi's Hand


BUT EVEN SO, THE ENEMY...!!
IT'S ONLY THE 9TH TURN...
KEH ...!

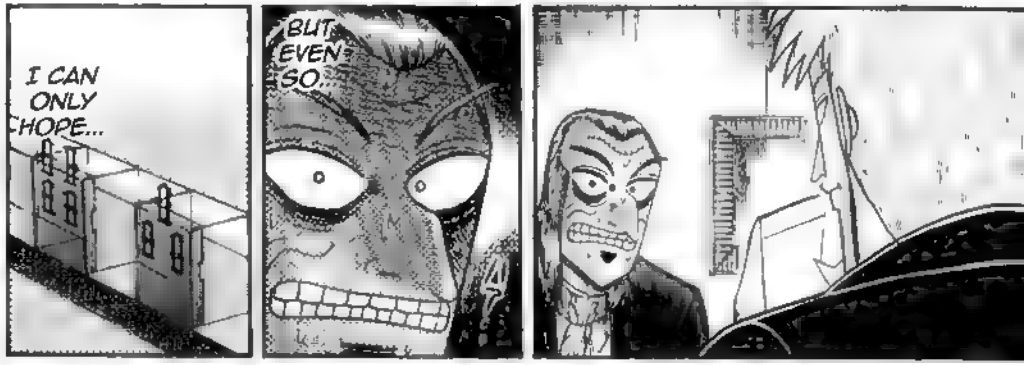
I'M GET-TING THERE FIRST...!!
MY PATIENCE HAS PAID OFF!
I'M IN II SHAN TEN!


WHAT IS IN THAT DEMON'S HAND...!!
...IS HIM ...!
THE ONLY PROB-LEM...

...IS HE AT THE SAME POINT THAT I AM...?!



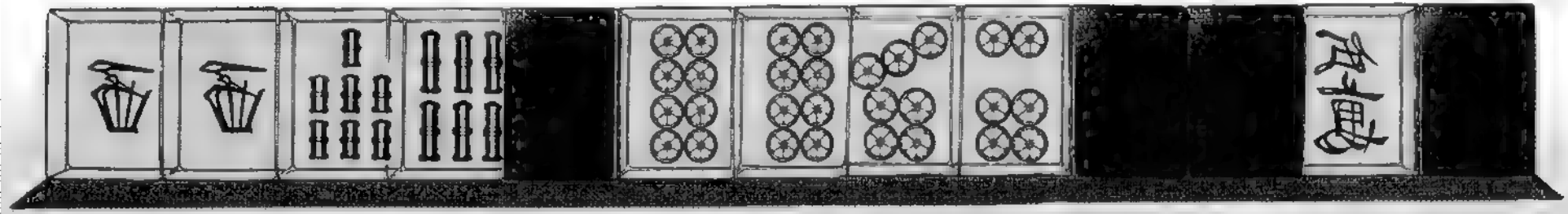
Akagi's Hand

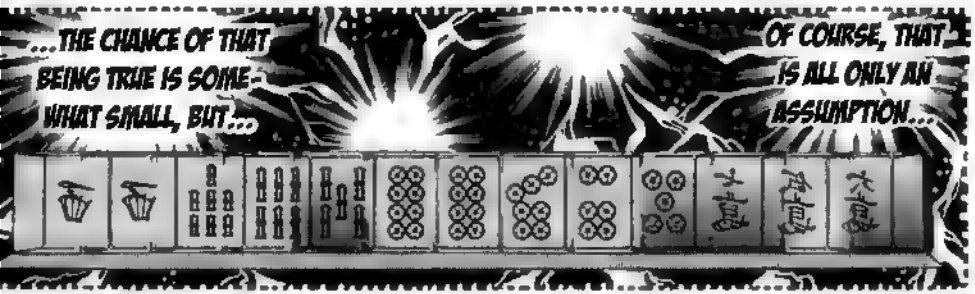


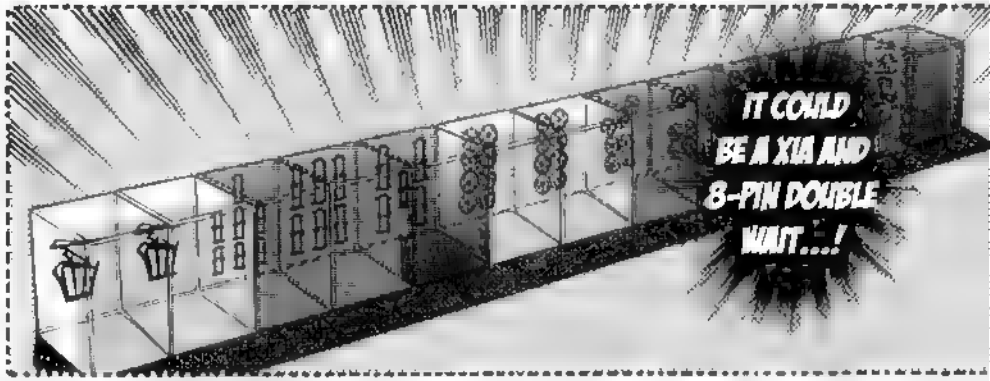
OH-
HOOO
OHHH
!!
THANK
HEAVENS
!!
.....!!

EVEN IF IT IS AKAGI...
...AND EVEN IF HE IS A DEMON...
...HAS FINALLY DRAWN SOMETHING TRULY UGLY...!
THAT GHOUL...
YES... HE CANNOT EASILY DISCARD THAT TILE HE HAS JUST DRAWN!
...HE STILL CAN'T DEAL THAT DORA, XIA...!
...FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, MY HAND...
AND THAT IS BECAUSE...

...LOOKS LIKE THIS...!!







...AND DIE AT THAT VERY MOMENT...!
HE WOULD GIVE UP 800 CCS...
IF HE DEALT IN WITH IT, THAT WOULD BE MANGAN!
THAT TILE HAS HIS DEATH WRITTEN ALL OVER IT...!!
HE MUST KEEP IT...!
...IT IS NOT A TILE HE CAN DEAL!

...HE CAN-NOT BE HUMAN ...!
IF HE DOES NOT KEEP IT, THEN ...
HE CAN ONLY THINK TO KEEP IT...!
HAH ...!

OH HO OO HH!

AT LONG LAST... THE DEMON, AKAGI, HAS GIVEN IN!!

HE AVOIDED DEALING THAT TILE !!!

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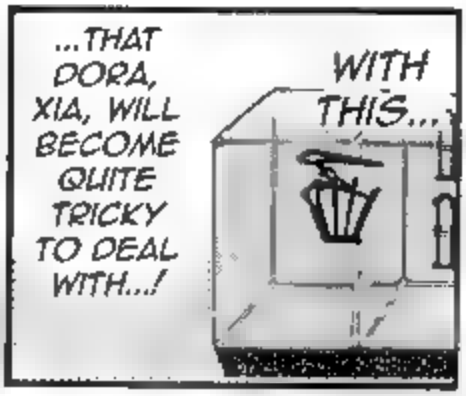
HE'S AVOIDING IT....!
...HE HAS GIVEN IN TO REASON...
SEEING THAT MY HAND COULD VERY EASILY BE IN TENPAI...
AND IN DOING SO, HAS DEALT HIS NAN!
...AND IS NOW HOLDING ONTO THAT RISKY XIA, THE DORA...!!

GOOOOD...!
KHEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...

YOUR HAND HAS BEEN CHAINED BACK...!!
I'VE GOT YOU NOW...!


...THAT DORA, XIA, WILL BECOME QUITE TRICKY TO DEAL WITH...!
WITH THIS...

THAT BLOCK WEDGED INTO YOUR HAND!!
I SHALL NOT WASTE THIS CHANCE!!!
VERY GOOD...!

H!!!...

I WILL MAKE IT....!
KGH ....!
I WILL DRAW MY TENPAI!!
TCH ...

DAM-
MIT
...!
I NEED TO GET THERE ...!!
Washizu: 20,700 Points
Remaining Funds: 282.4 Million Yen
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 317.8 Million Yen
...I MUST GET TO TENPAI ...!
HE IS NO THREAT TO ME FOR THE TIME BEING, SO, NO MATTER WHAT
HE HAS BEEN RESTRAINED
AND I MUST WIN!!

WITH THIS HAND!!!

Washizu's Hand

WITH THAT MUCH TO OVER-COME!

...WOULD MAKE MY VICTORY EXTREMELY PROBABLE ...!

SUCH A LARGE POINT DIF-FERENCE ...

JUST ONE MORE ROUND!

...AND ONLY THE VERY LAST ROUND WOULD BE LEFT!

MY LEAD OVER AKAGI WOULD GO BACK TO, EXCEEDING 10,000 POINTS...

...I WOULD GAIN 8000 POINTS...!

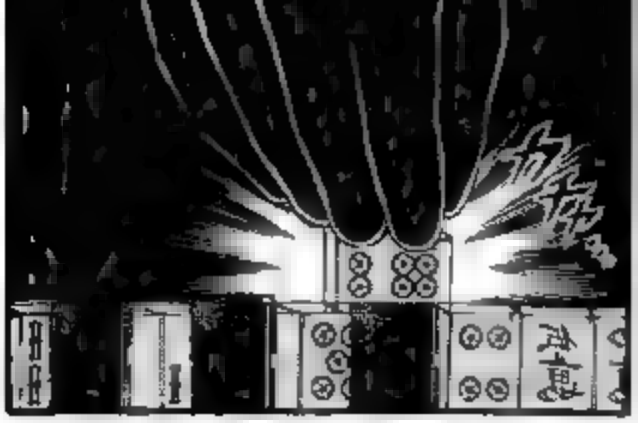
IT WOULD INCRE-ASE...

...IT WOULD INCREASE TO 11,000...!!

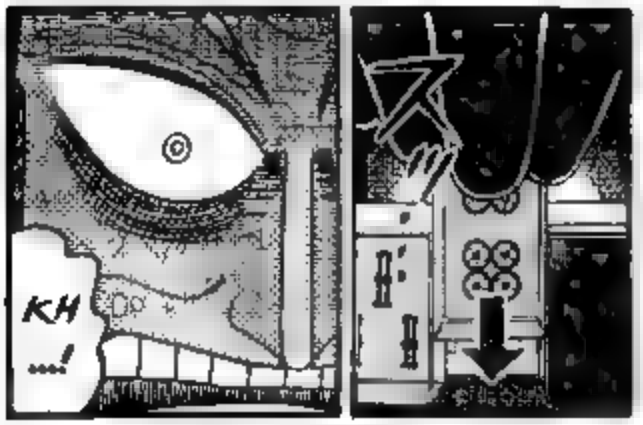
IF I CAN WIN WITH THIS SAN SHOKU, 2-DORA HAND...

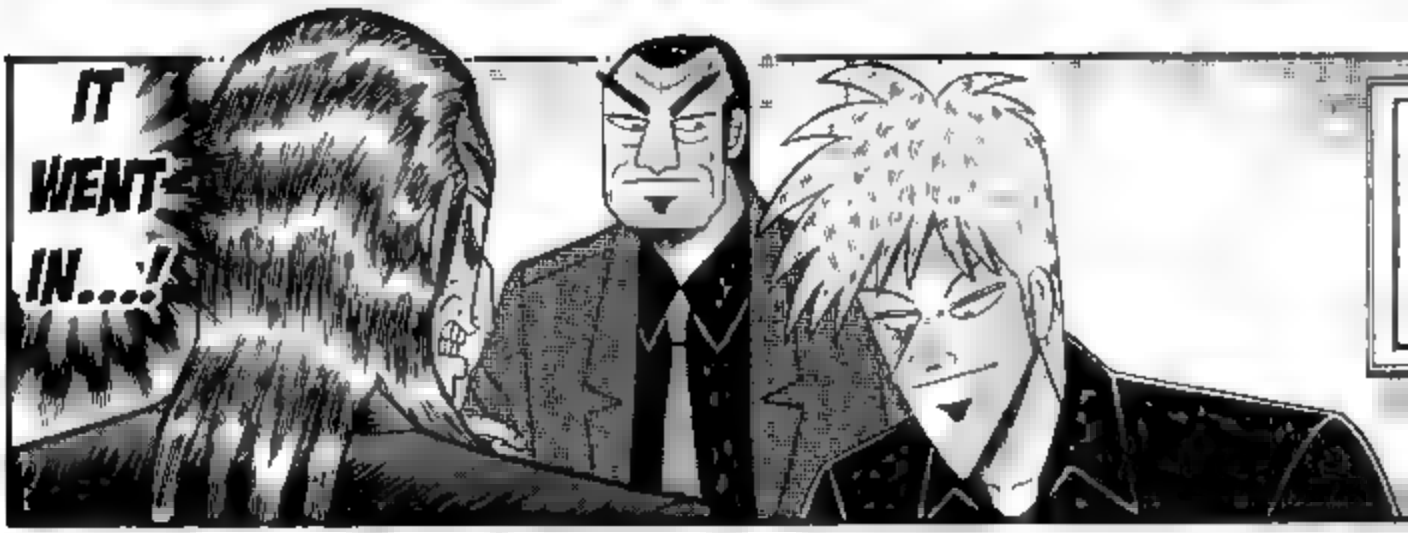
KGH...!
.....
COME TO ME.....!!
COME OUT HERE...!!
HELP ME...!
HELP ME IN MY GREATEST TIME OF NEED!!
GIVE ME WHAT I NEED!!

TAKE ME AWAY FROM THIS NIGHT-MARE...!!
IT'S NO GOOD ...!!
K G H
OR EVEN 6-7-8 PIN, 2-4 MAN, OR THE XIA...!
THE 5-PIN ...
三萬 伍萬 六萬 七萬
...JUST ONE MORE USEFUL DRAW!!
I ONLY NEED ONE...
JUST GIVE ME SOME-THING!!
I DON'T EVEN NEED SAN SHOKU ANYMORE ...!!
COME ON!!!
ALL I NEED IS ONE OF THOSE !!



The 11th Turn


KH ...!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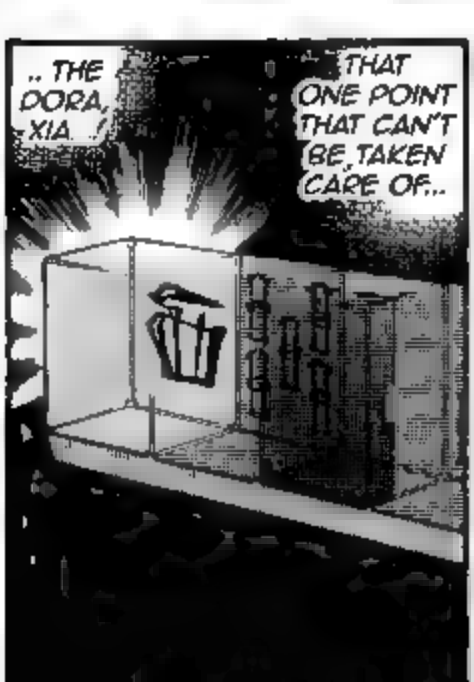
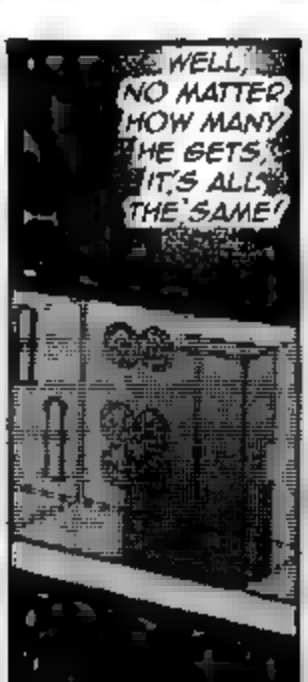
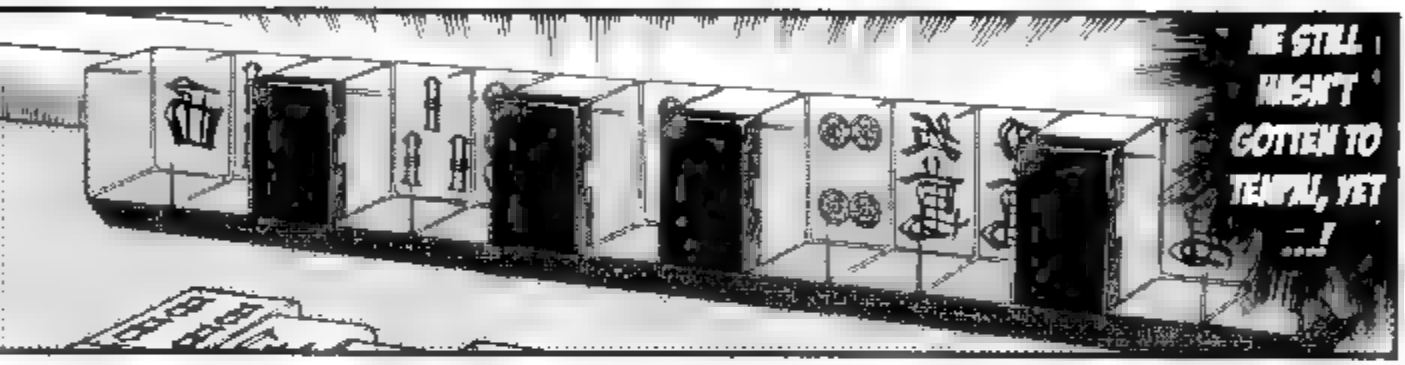

.. THE DORA, XIA..!
THAT ONE POINT THAT CAN'T BE TAKEN CARE OF...

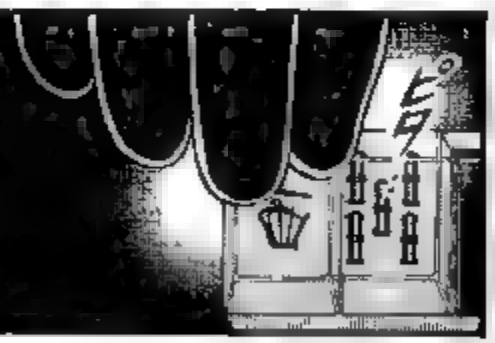

WELL, NO MATTER HOW MANY HE GETS, IT'S ALL THE SAME!

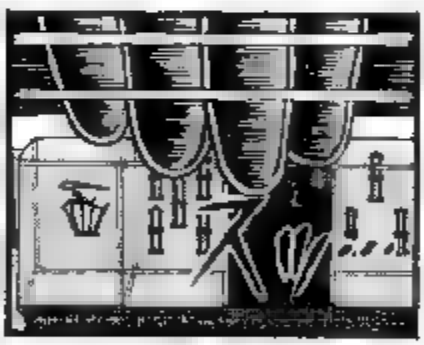
...HMPH

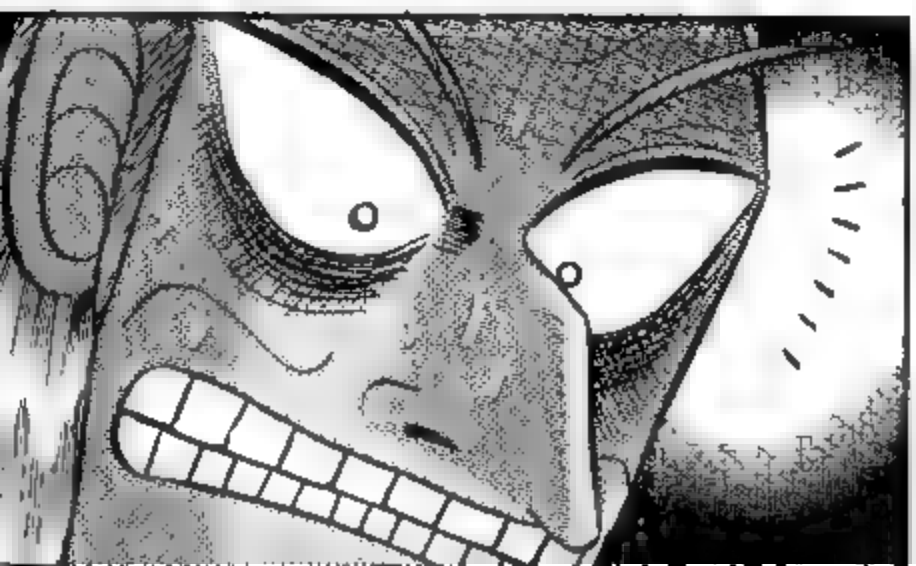
THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR ...!

IT'S THE SAME THING ...!!
HE STILL CAN'T DEAL THAT DORA YET!


HE STILL HASN'T GOTTEN TO TEMPAI, YET ...!







WHA
...?!
HE COULDN'T BE...!!
NO...!

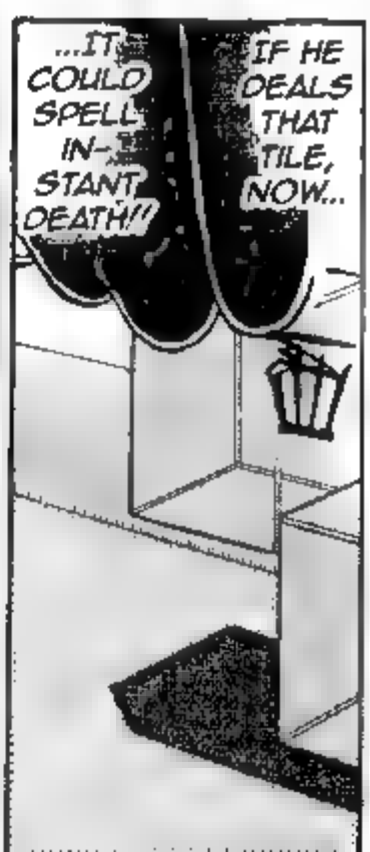
THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE!!

THAT DORA, THE XIA !!!
OF COURSE HE CAN'T DEAL THAT TILE!!

HE CAN'T DEAL THAT !!!

AKAGI !!!!

...IS DEATH ITSELF !!!
THAT DORA, XIA...


...IT COULD SPELL IN-STANT DEATH!!
IF HE DEALS THAT TILE, NOW...

HE LETS IT GO!
GAH ...!
...LET'S GO OF THE DORA. XIA!
AKAGI ...
WH... WHY...?!
HAH HH HH ...!

WHY?!
HOW COULD YOU LET THAT GO BY?!

THAT'S IT...!!

AH...!

IS HE DEALING IN...?!

HE'S DEALING IN...!!

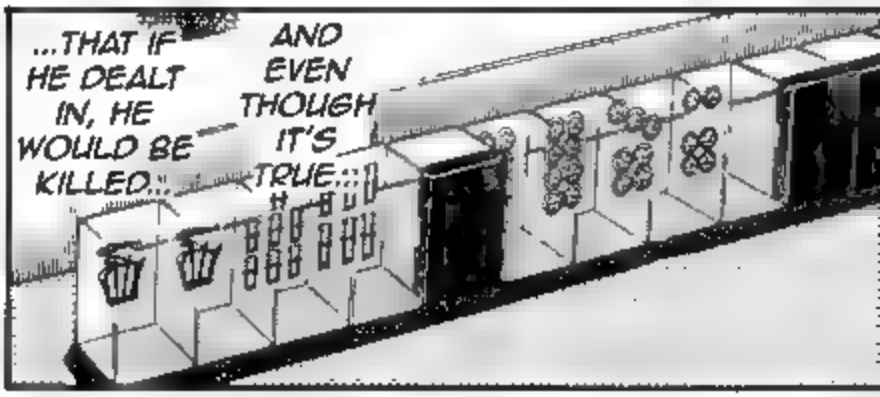
THAT'S WHAT IT IS!!
...THEN THE COP OVER THERE WILL DEAL RIGHT INTO AKAGI'S HAND!

IF THIS DORA, XIA, PASSES, NOW...

THERE'S NO TIME TO GO AROUND AVOIDING EVERY RISKY TILE!
SINCE HE HAS TO THINK ABOUT THAT IN THE REMAINING 2 ROUNDS, STILL.
...
HE STILL HAS TO TAKE BACK MY LEAD OVER HIM!
EVEN AFTER ALL THIS...
THINK-ING ABOUT IT A BIT MORE...
...AND IF HE CAN HAVE HIS ALLY DEAL IN RIGHT AFTER-WARDS.
IF HE CAN GET INTO TENPAI WITH A DISCARD
AND I WIND UP DRAWING WHAT I NEED.
IF HE TAKES HIS TIME TO PLAY IT SAFE
...HE HAS TO GO AND FIGHT!
...IF THAT'S THE CASE ...
SO THINK-ING ABOUT IT FROM HIS POSI-TION...
THAT WOULD BE A TRULY UN-BEARABLE PREDICA-MENT..!
AND HE WOULD HAVE ONLY THE LAST ROUND TO MAKE IT ALL UP!
THEN THE POINT DIFFERENCE WOULD OPEN UP EVEN MORE

THAT'S HOW IT IS...!
HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO MOVE FOR-WARD...!

...AND HE KNEW IT WAS A VERY DAN-GEROUS TILE TO PLAY..


...THAT IF HE DEALT IN, HE WOULD BE KILLED...
AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S TRUE...

URGH
....!

...HE WOULD NEED TO TAKE THAT RISK IN ORDER TO AVOID THAT VERY SITU-ATION....?

IF I LET HIM TAKE HIS TURN...!
IF I LET THE COP HAVE A DRAW, NOW.

THIS IS BAD....!!

THAT IS...
...HE'LL DEAL STRAIGHT IN!

AH ...
AH HH ...
...I WILL BE OVER-TAKEN!!

WAIT ....!
W...

HUH ...?
I'LL CALL PON ...!
I...

AHH ....!
...HURRIEDLY CALLS ON THE DORA, XIA!
WASHIZU ...
3 DORA ....!!
AND AFTER CALLING...
DEALS THE 3-MANI

TENPAI....!!

AND NOW THAT HE HAS HURRIEDLY MADE HIS TENPAI...

NOW THAT HE'S CALLED THE DORA, "XIA..."

...HE'S BET IT ALL ON A SLIM CHANCE..!

IT'S NOW SINK OR SWIM..

...HE MADE THAT CALL!

IF HE CAN GET THE 5-PIN TO COMPLETE HIS SAN SHOKU....

THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THIS EDGE WAIT...!

...HE CAN PLAY 5-PIN ...!

ON SUZUKI'S NEXT TURN..

I SEE ...!

SAN SHOKU, WITH 3 DORA ...!

SO, IN ORDER TO QUICKLY STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING..

AND THAT AKAGI'S ALLY WOULD DEAL INTO HIS HAND IMMEDIATELY AFTER..

IT BECAME APPARENT THAT HE WAS IN TENPAI

AFTER AKAGI'S STRONG DEALING..

HE'LL GET A RUSHED SAN SHOKU HAND WITH 3 DORA...
...HE'LL COMPLETE HIS HAND!
HE'LL HAVE A POINT DIFFERENCE SO LARGE ...
...AND STILL MAKE MANGAN!
...THAT NOT EVEN AKAGI CAN BREAK THROUGH IT!!

NOT EVEN AKAGI SHIGERU !!
.....
SUZUKI !!!
DRAW IT!!
NOW ...!

DRAW THE 5-PIN!!
THE 5-PIN...!
IF YOU GET THE 5-PIN, I WIN!!
I WIN!!

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GET THE 5-PIN ....!!

THE 5-PIN ...!!!

THE 5-PIN ...!!

GIVE ME THE 5-PIN ...!!!

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Washizu: 28,700 Points
Remaining Funds: 282.4 Million Yen

Akagi: 23,000 Points, -2000
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 317.6 Million Yen

...A MANGAN HAND!!

SAN SHOKU, WITH 3 DORA ...

IF IT'S THE 5-PIN, I'LL GET SAN SHOKU ...!!

SOUTH 3RD ROUND, 12 TURNS IN.

...THE 5TH SESSION ...!

WASHIZU MAHJONG ...

THE GAME WILL GO TO AKAGI!!

...IS NOW HOPING WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH FOR A SINGLE TILE...

SUZUKI ...

...THEN THE ENEMY WILL WIN, INSTEAD!

...IF YOU DRAW ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING ELSE...

HOWEVER...

...THE 5-PIN. THE PIVOTAL DRAW FOR WASHIZU'S COMEBACK ...!
GGH ...!
IF IT'S THE 5-PIN...!!
IF IT'S THE 5-PIN, THAT'S SAN SHOKU...!
BUT ...
WHICH IS IT ...?!

...IT FAILS!
GR GH ...!
DAMM= MMJIIIT ...!!!
KEH ...!
IT DOES NOT EME-RGE!

HE CANNOT COMPLETE HIS HAND!

THE QUESTION, THEN, IS...

IF HE DEALS INTO AKAGI'S HAND NOW, IT'S ALL OVER...!

IT'S ALL OVER, NOW...!

RR RRR GHH H...!

WASHIZU DOES NOT WIN!

IN OTHER WORDS...

...TO OVERCOME MY 3100-POINT LEAD OVER HIM...?!

IS HIS HAND GOOD ENOUGH...

...HOW GOOD IS AKAGI'S HAND...? THAT IS THE CRITICAL POINT...!

HAH...!

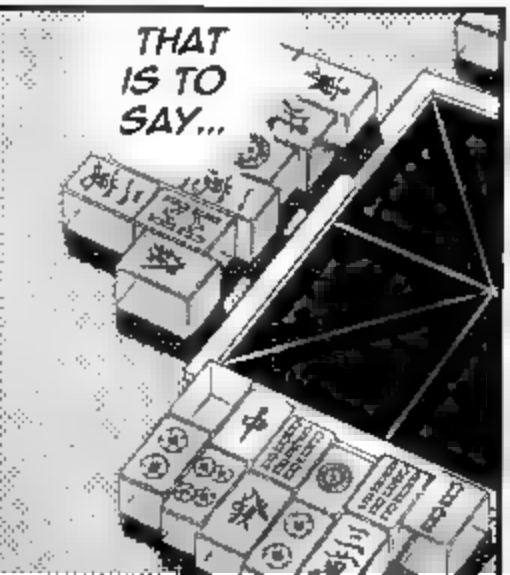
ゲン...

...WILL HE HAVE MADE IT WITH THIS ...?!
A COME-BACK...!!
HOW-EVER ...
WHA ...?

HE DOES NOT RAISE HIS VOICE!

GAH...!!

AKAGI SHIGERU DOES NOT SAY A WORD !!

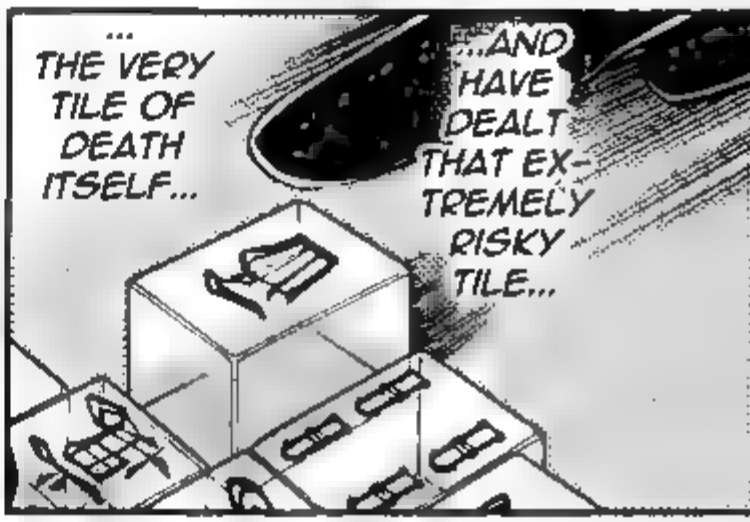

THAT IS TO SAY...

HOW CAN IT BE...
THAT YOU AREN'T CALLING THE WIN ?!

WHA... WHAT?!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO WIN...?!

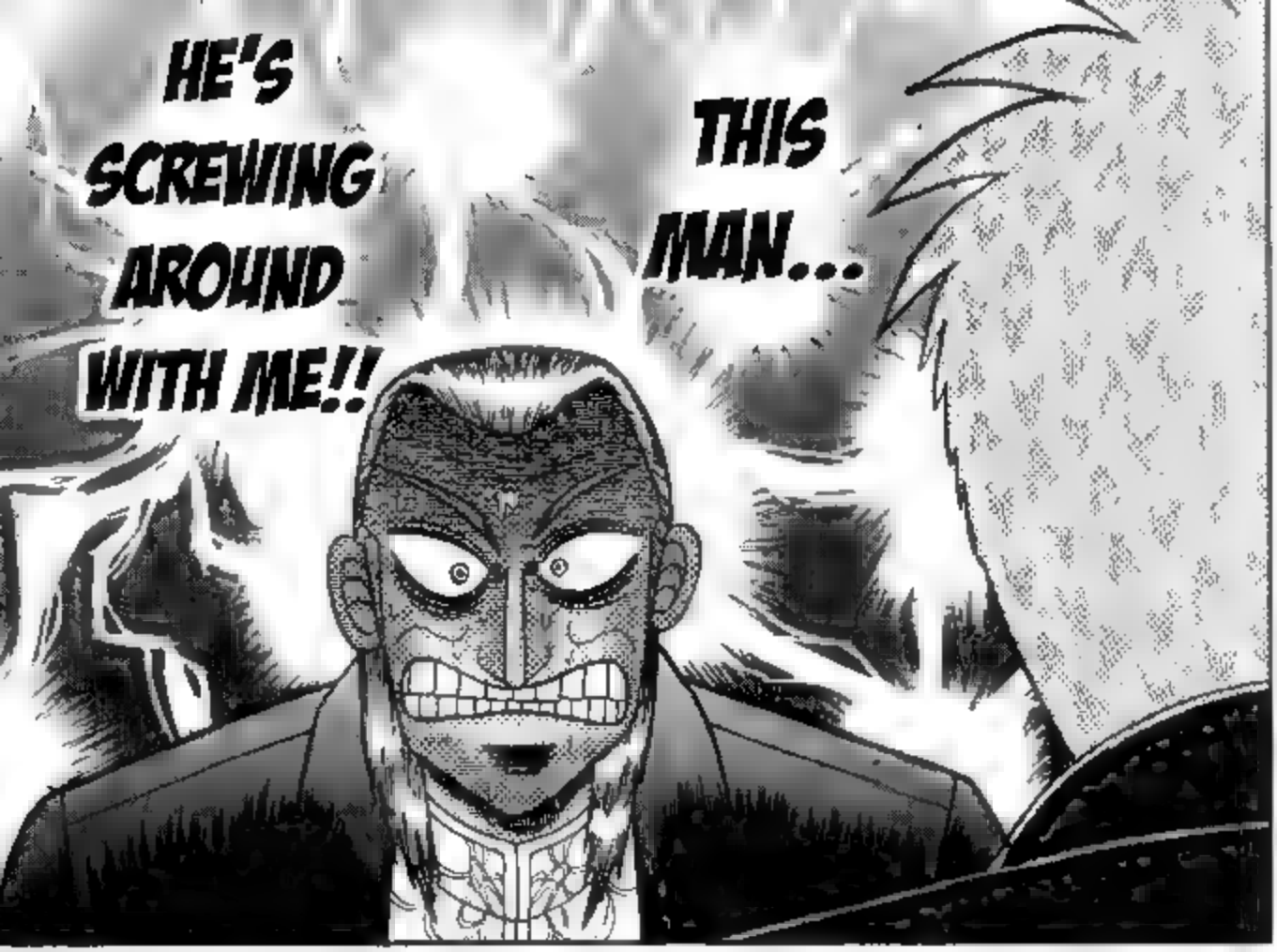
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE IN TENPAI...

YOU'VE TAKEN THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO TENPAI
YOU ARE NOT HAVING YOUR HAND DEALT INTO?!


...THE VERY TILE OF DEATH ITSELF...
...AND HAVE DEALT THAT EXTREMELY RISKY TILE...

GR GH ...!

...AND HAVE CHOSEN TO DEAL IT, ANYWAY?!


HE'S SCREWING AROUND WITH ME!!
THIS MAN...

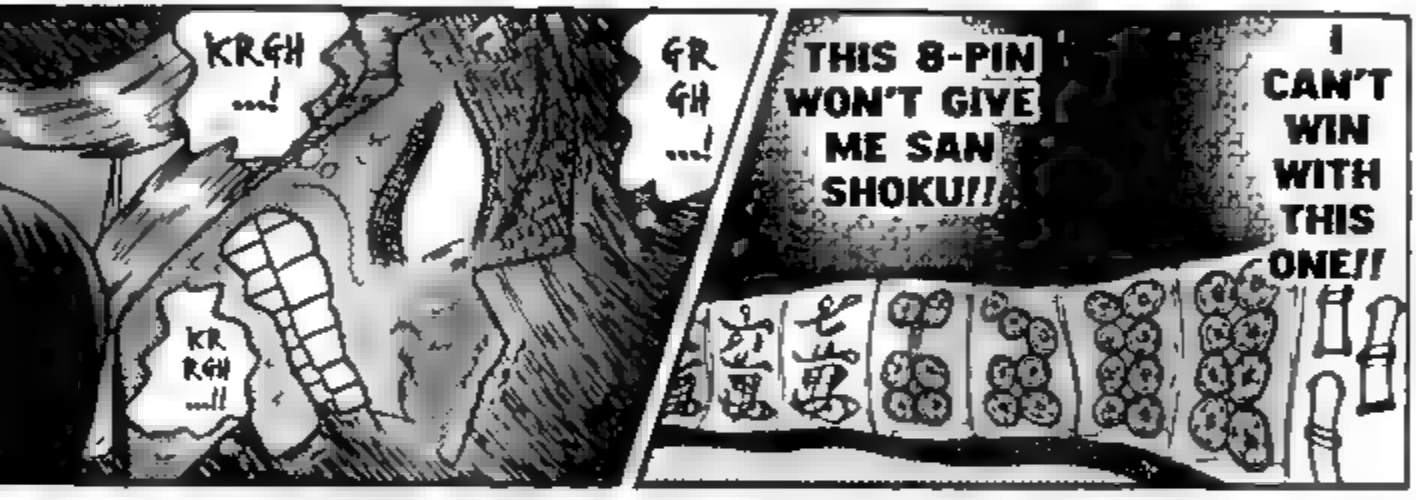
GR GH...!
GOD DAM-MIT!!
WHAT A DECI-SION!!
DAMMIT!

YET AGAIN!!
HE'S MANIPULATING ME LIKE I'M A PUPPET OR SOMETHING!!
A DECISION THAT DEFIES ALL REASONING!!!
IT'S THE SAME THING ...!!
...OR THAT HIS HAND WAS IN SUCH BAD SHAPE
IF I'D HAVE KNOWN HE WOULDN'T DEAL IN...
...HIS DEVILISHNESS!!
WITH HIS INSANITY...
KR GH ...!
...WHERE I CAN ONLY MAKE A RUSHED SAN SHOKU WIN WITH A 5-PIN ...
IT'S PUT ME IN THIS AWFUL SHAPE...
...AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS AFTER!!
THEN I OBVIOUSLY WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED THAT TILE!!

NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS...
YOU LUNA-TIC!!
5-PIN !! .....
...I HAVE TO DRAW IT!!
5-PIN !!! .....

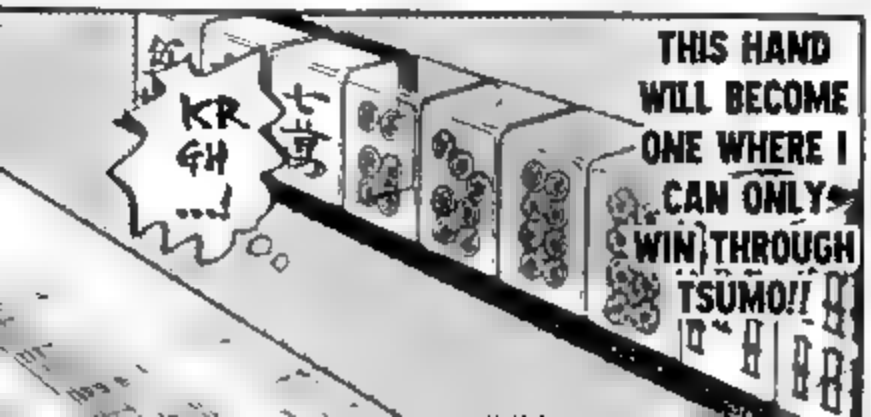
5-PIN
!!!!
.....
N...
NO
...!!

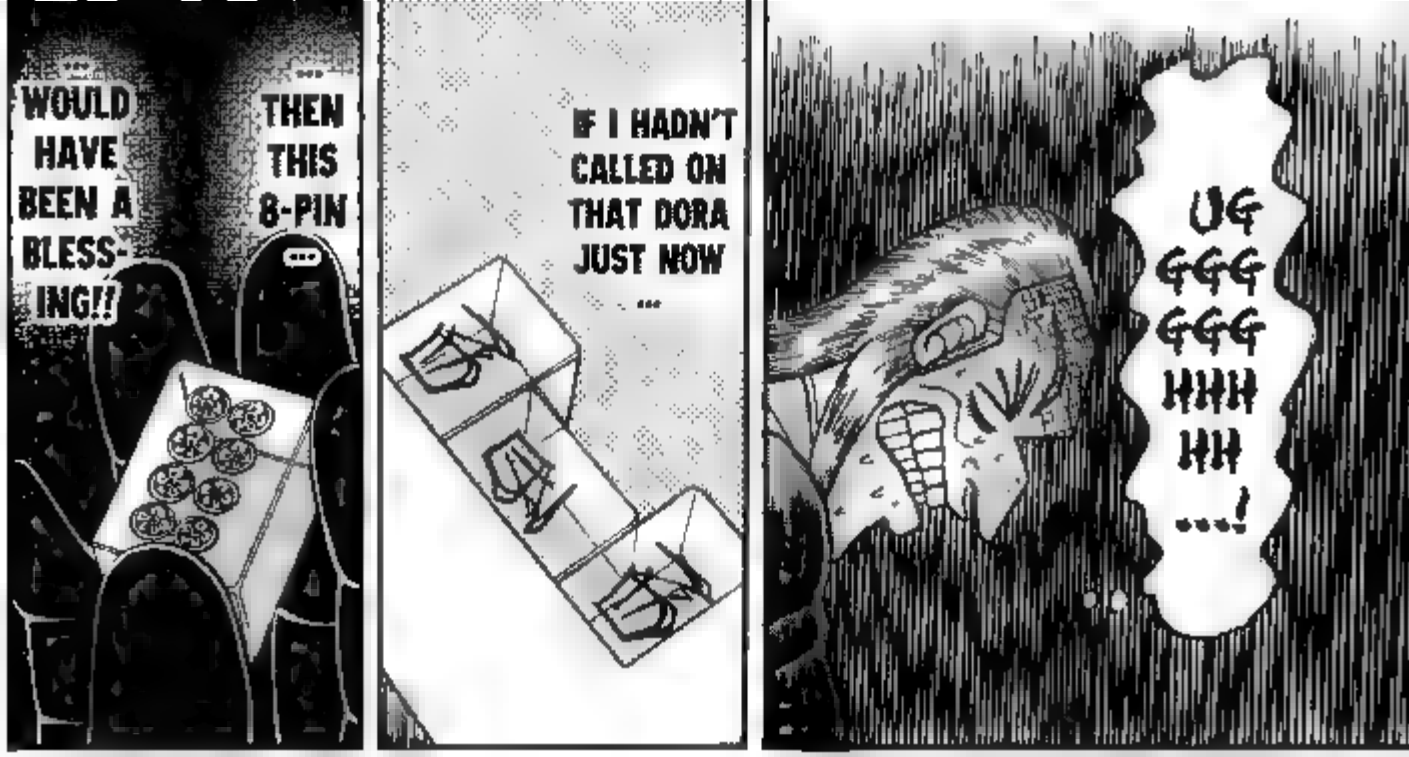
WHY DID I PICK UP *THIS* OF ALL THINGS?!
WHA... WHAT'S THIS I'VE JUST DRAWN ...?!

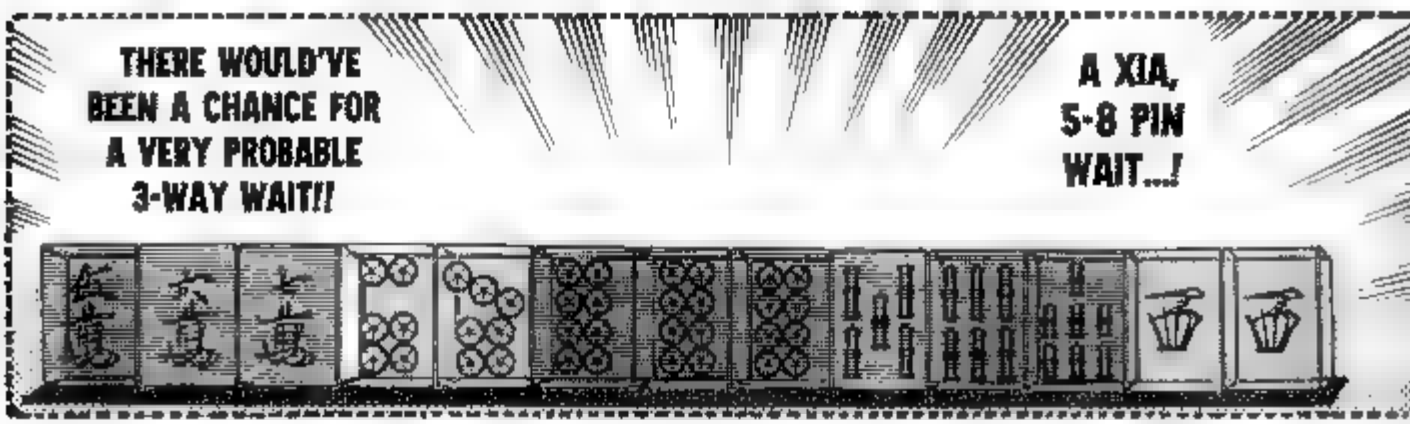

KRGH ...!
GR GH ...!
KR RGH ...!!
THIS 8-PIN WON'T GIVE ME SAN SHOKU!!
I CAN'T WIN WITH THIS ONE!!

...I WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN!!

IT'S FURITEN...!! WITH THIS, EVEN IF SUZUKI DRAWS MY WINNING 5-PIN...
RR RR GHH ...!


KR GH ...!
THIS HAND WILL BECOME ONE WHERE I CAN ONLY WIN THROUGH TSUMO!!


...WOULD HAVE BEEN A BLESS-ING!!
...THEN THIS 8-PIN...
IF I HADN'T CALLED ON THAT DORA JUST NOW...
UG GGG GGG HHH HH...!


THERE WOULD'VE BEEN A CHANCE FOR A VERY PROBABLE 3-WAY WAIT!!
A XIA, 5-8 PIN WAIT...!

HE WRENCHED ME AWAY FROM THAT!!
GR GH...!

YOU DEMON !!
DAM- MMM IIIITT TT!!
IT HAP- PENED AGAIN..!!
AH HH ...!!
AH ...!
ざわ..
...THIS 8-PIN DRAW..
THINK- ING ABOUT IT...
AT THE MOST IMPORTANT DRAW OF THE ROUND, HE GOT A 8-PIN...!
HIS HAND HAS BEEN BROUGHT DOWN AGAIN!!
..WAS LIKE IT WAS FORCED ON HIM...!!

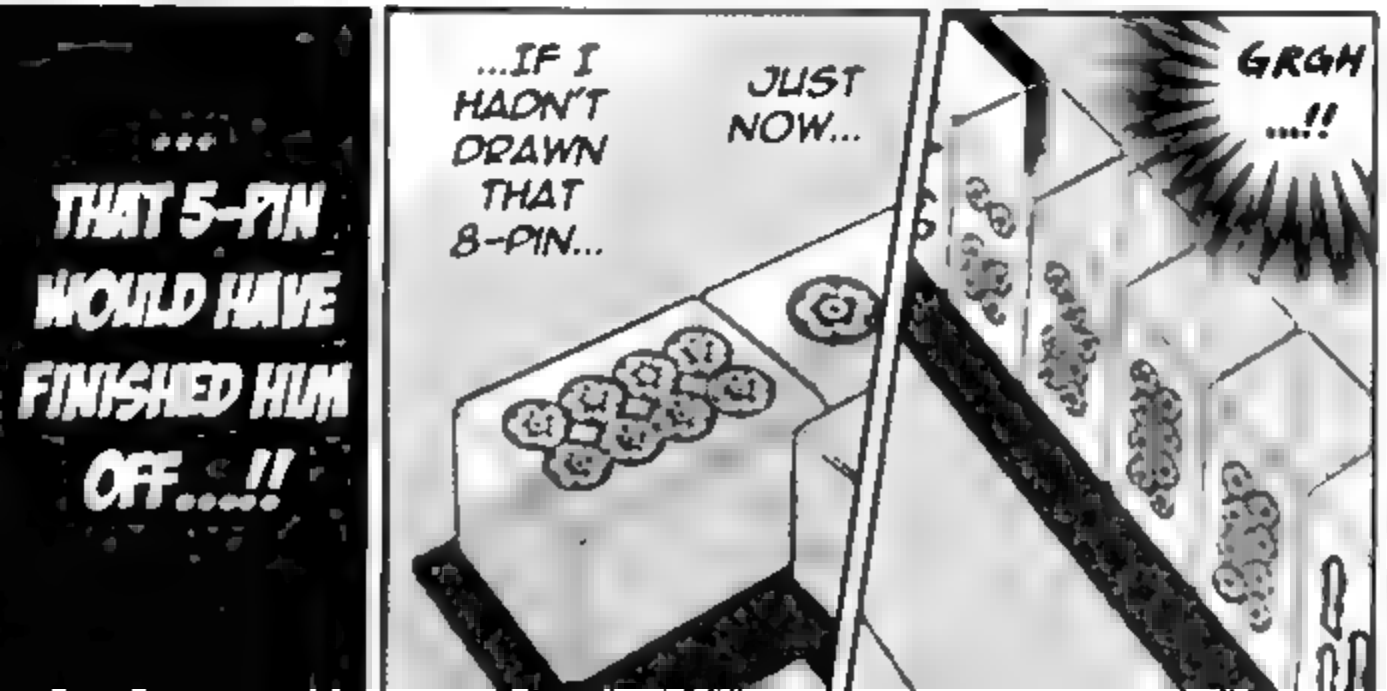
...
BY A SHINI-GAMI ...!
HANDED TO HIM ...
HE'S IN TROUBLE NOW
.....

HE DREW THE ROUTE-CHANGING TILE!
...HIS ROUTE HAS SUDDENLY CHANGED!
...AND BEFORE HE KNOWS IT...
IT'S LIKE HE'S AN AIRGLIDER CAUGHT IN A STORM...
SO THAT MAKING A WIN...

HUH ...?
AKAGI'S 14TH TURN
...WILL BE NEARLY IM-POSSIBLE !!
HE'S SWITCHING HIS DRAW IN?!?!
SOME-THING'S GOING IN?!
IT WENT IN...?
WHAT IS THIS ?!
THEN THAT MEANS ...
HE... HE JUST ...!
GR GH ...!
WHEN HE DEALT THAT DORA, XIA?!
THEN HE WASN'T ACTUALLY IN TENPAI YET?!

RIICHI!
HAH?!

HE DEALT THE 5-PIN ...?!?!
HE CALLED KUCHI AND DEALT THE 5-PIN?!?!


...
THAT 5-PIN WOULD HAVE FINISHED HIM OFF...!!
...IF I HADN'T DRAWN THAT 8-PIN...
JUST NOW...
GRGH ...!!

RIICHI ?!?!

...AND CALLED RIICHI ?!?!

HE PLAYED MY WIN-NING 5-PIN...

I'LL KILL HIM...!!

WHA... WHAT'S HE TRYING TO PULL ?!?!

HE ...!!

RR RR GH HH !!!

GRGH ...!

I'LL KILL HIM.....!!!
I'LL KILL HIM.....!!!
I'LL KILL HIM.....!!!!
I"LL KILL HIM !!!
WA... WAS- HIZU SAMA ...!!
.....
GRGH ...!!!

GGGGGHHH-
HHHHHHH...!!!

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THIS BRAT ...!!

THIS LITTLE TWIRP!!

KGG GHHH HH!!

Akagi: 22,500 Points, -2000 yen
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 317.6 Million Yen
(1000 points used in Riichi)

Washizu: 26,700 Points
Remaining Funds: 282.4 Million Yen

...HE DEALT THAT DORA, XIA!

CERTAINLY, JUST A BIT AGO, WITHOUT SO MUCH AS FEARING DEATH OR GOD...

YOU HAVE TO REGAIN YOUR COMPOSURE!!!

PLEASE, YOU MUST CALM DOWN, NOW...!! IF YOU DON'T, IT'S HOPELESS!

...HE WAS ABLE TO DEAL YOUR WINNING TILE WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE...!

...SEING THAT YOU HAD GOTTEN INTO FURITEN, WASHIZU-SAMA..

AND THEN...

WASHIZU SAMA..!

IT'S LIKE HE REALLY WANTS TO BE KILLED!! HE'S GETTING ME MORE AND MORE...!!

YOU HAVE TO CALM DOWN..!

THIS KID!!!

WITH HIS RIICHI, DEALING THE 5-PIN...!
...THAT 5-PIN, HE CALLED RIICHI!!
WITH THE TILE THAT NISHIZU-SAMA COULD HAVE WON WITH BEFORE...

BUT STILL ...
HE IS BEING INCRED-IBLY BOTHER-SOME...
THAT'S VERY IRRIT-ATING, TO BE SURE!
GR GH ...!
...YOU'LL BE GIVING THE ENEMY EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS!!
IF YOU GET ANGRY, NOW...
...GET-TING ANGRY WILL MAKE IT WORSE!
14 TURNS IN, WASHIZU ...
THE SAME TURN ...
GRGH ...!
HE WANTS YOU TO BE ANGRY!!
WASHIZU-SAMA...!!

...DRAWS THE 3-PIN...!!

THIS IS NO GOOD ...!

WHAT A TERRIBLE TILE TO DRAW!!

AKAGI'S HAND...

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT...

AN ABSURDLY BAD DRAW TO MAKE...!!!

IT'S ABSOLUTELY CRAZY...!

NURU

GRGH ...!!

WA UGH !!

...SEEMS LIKE IT COULD EASILY BE A 3-4-5 SAN SHOKU HAND...!!

Akagi's hand

YOU'VE GOT TO PULL BACK!

IT'S NO GOOD...!

GR GH ...!

WASHIZU'S HAND IS PRESENTLY A ROUGH AND-TUMBLE SAN SHOKU HAND...

YOU NEED TO PULL BACK!!

WASHIZU-SAMA...!!

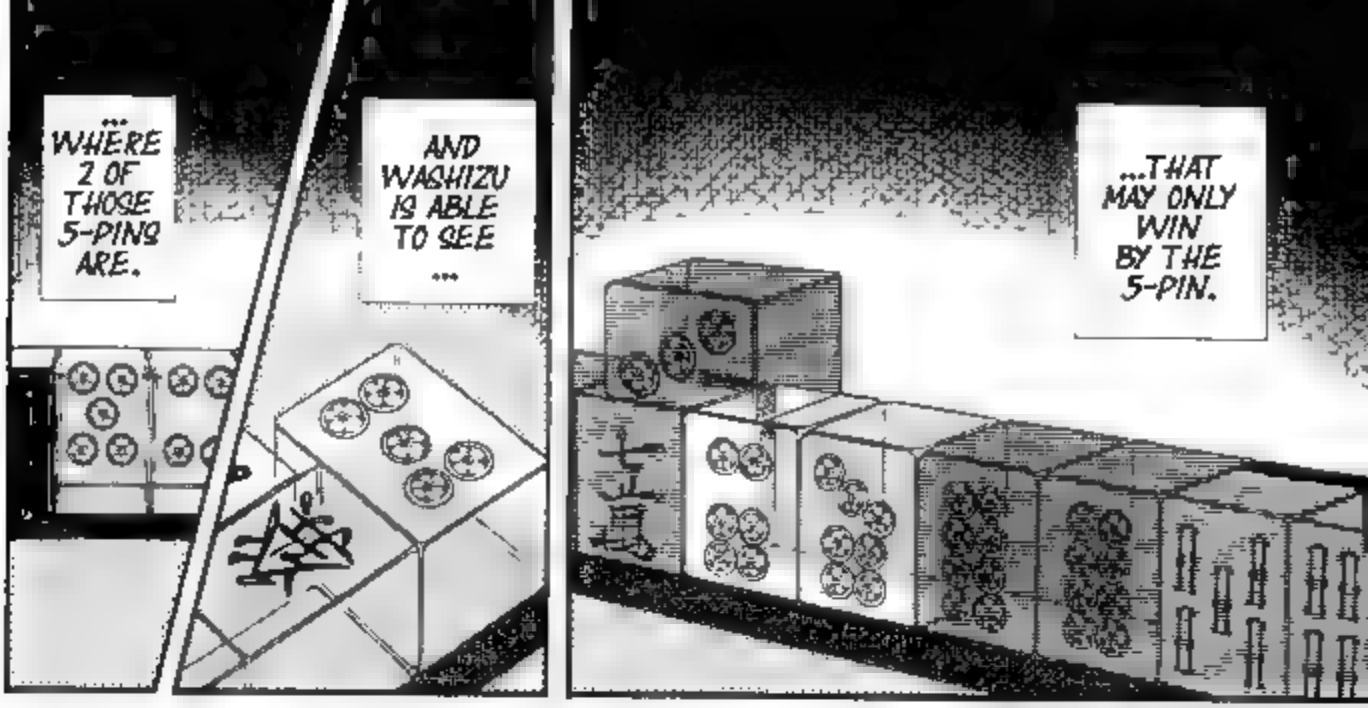
IT COULD BE IN THIS SHAPE...!

THAT RIICHI MAKES IT EX-TREMELY PRO-BABLE!!

VERY PROB-ABLE ...!

...THAT MUCH IS CLEAR ...!

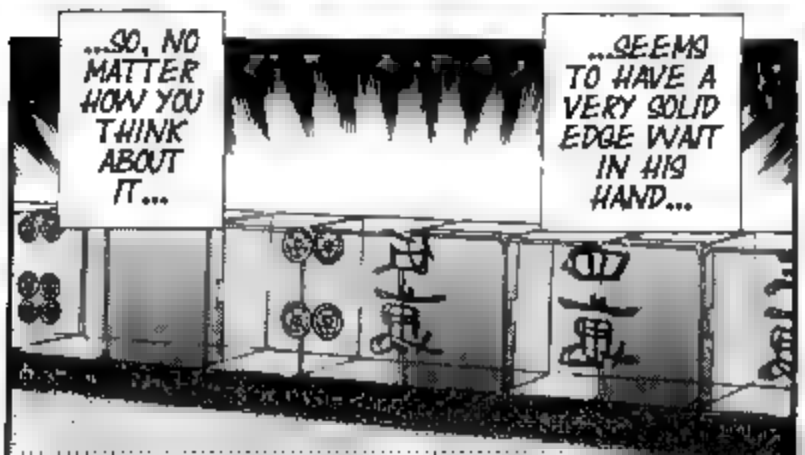
HIS WAIT WOULD BE ON THE 3 AND 6 PIN...

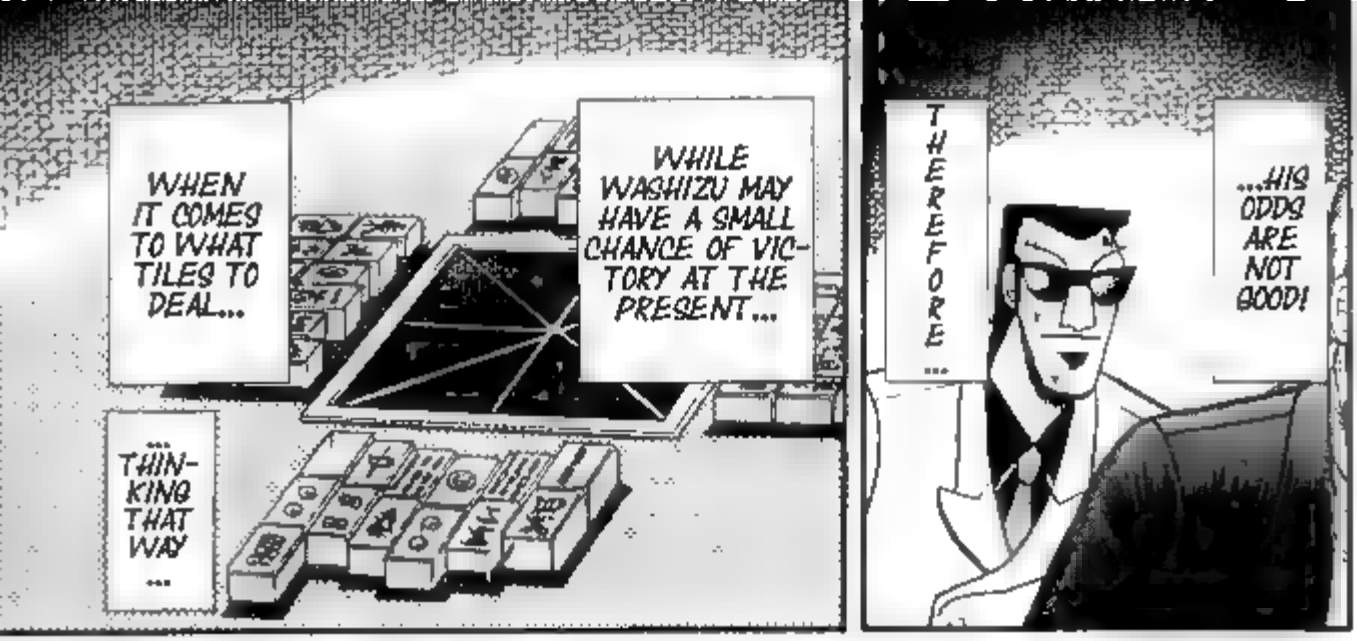

...WHERE 2 OF THOSE 5-PINS ARE.
AND WASHIZU IS ABLE TO SEE ...
...THAT MAY ONLY WIN BY THE 5-PIN.

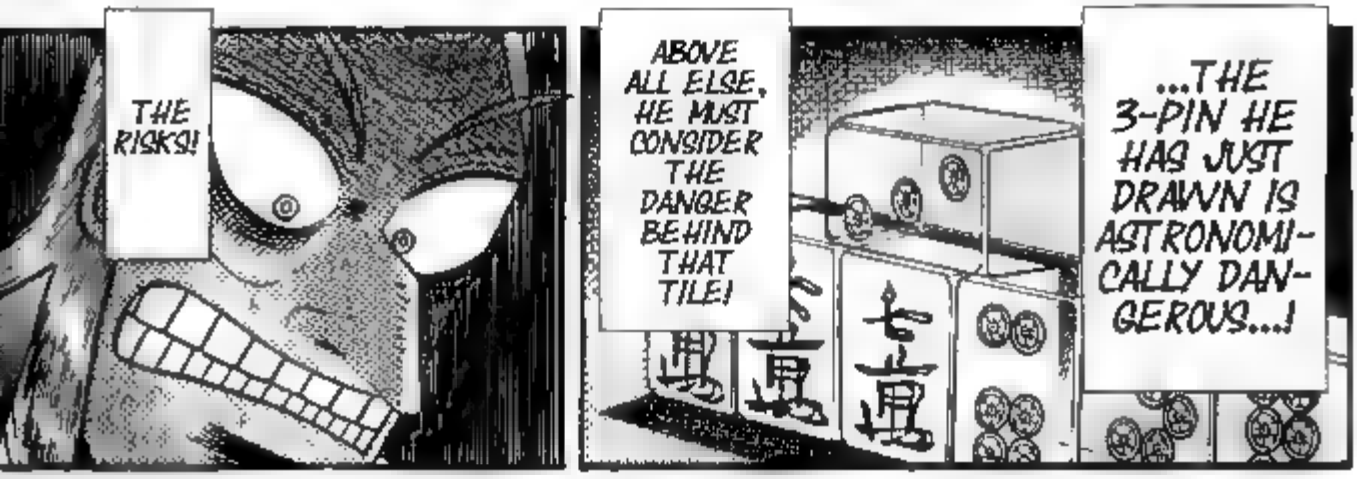
...SO HE IS NO LONGER ABLE TO WIN IF SUZUKI WERE TO DRAW A 5-PIN.
WASHIZU HAS ALREADY DEALT THE TILE THAT WOULD GIVE HIM A YAKU-LESS HAND, THE 8-PIN...
SO, FOR THOSE TWO 5-PIN ...
AND WHAT'S MORE,
THERE REMAIN ONLY 2 MORE.

AKAGI...
ON THE OTHER HAND ...

...HE WILL BE UNABLE TO WIN!
...UNLESS HE IS ABLE TO DRAW ONE HIMSELF...


...SO, NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
...SEEMS TO HAVE A VERY SOLID EDGE WAIT IN HIS HAND...

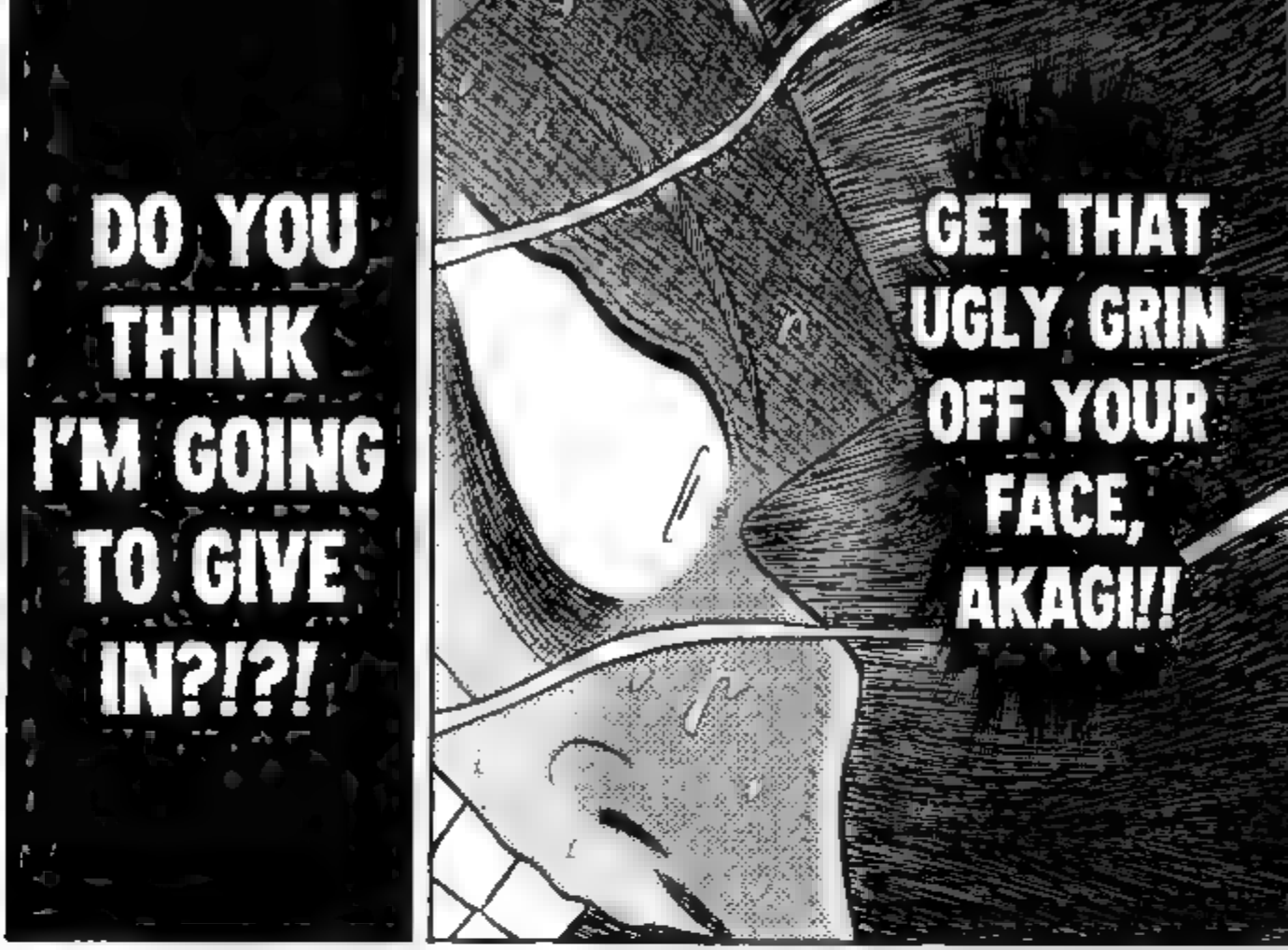

WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT TILES TO DEAL...
WHILE WASHIZU MAY HAVE A SMALL CHANCE OF VICTORY AT THE PRESENT...
...THINKING THAT WAY...
THEREFORE...
...HIS ODDS ARE NOT GOOD!

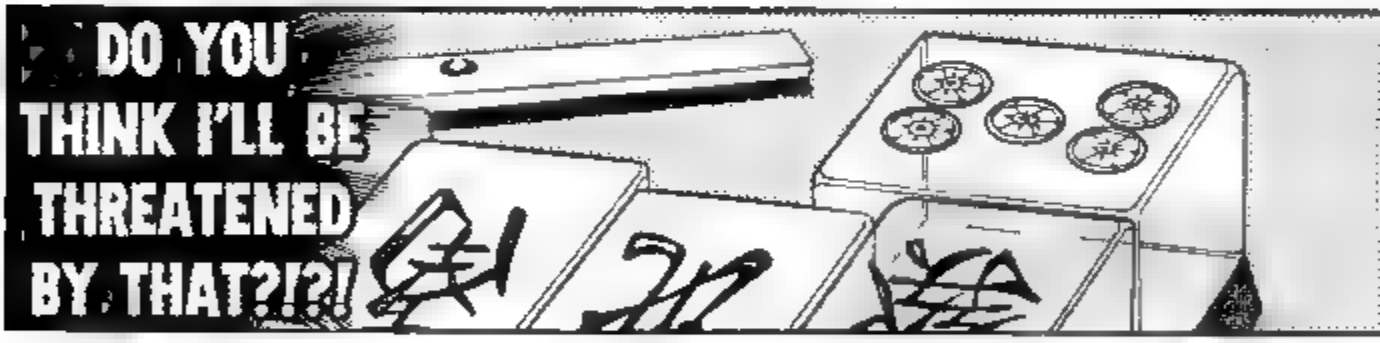

THE RISKS!
ABOVE ALL ELSE, HE MUST CONSIDER THE DANGER BEHIND THAT TILE!
...THE 3-PIN HE HAS JUST DRAWN IS ASTRONOMICALLY DANGEROUS...!

FROM THE FRONT !!
HE MUST BREAK FREE FROM THIS HARDSHIP...
...HE HAS NO OTHER OPTION!
HE IS THEREFORE FORCED TO RETREAT...

THAT IS...
GR GH ....!
HUH ?
THAT IS WHAT ANYONE WOULD THINK!
GY YY RR RR GH HH ...!!
GG GR RR RG HH HH ...!
...THE NOR-MAL STRA-TEGY!
HOW-EVER ...
AT THIS TIME ...
WH-AAA ...?!

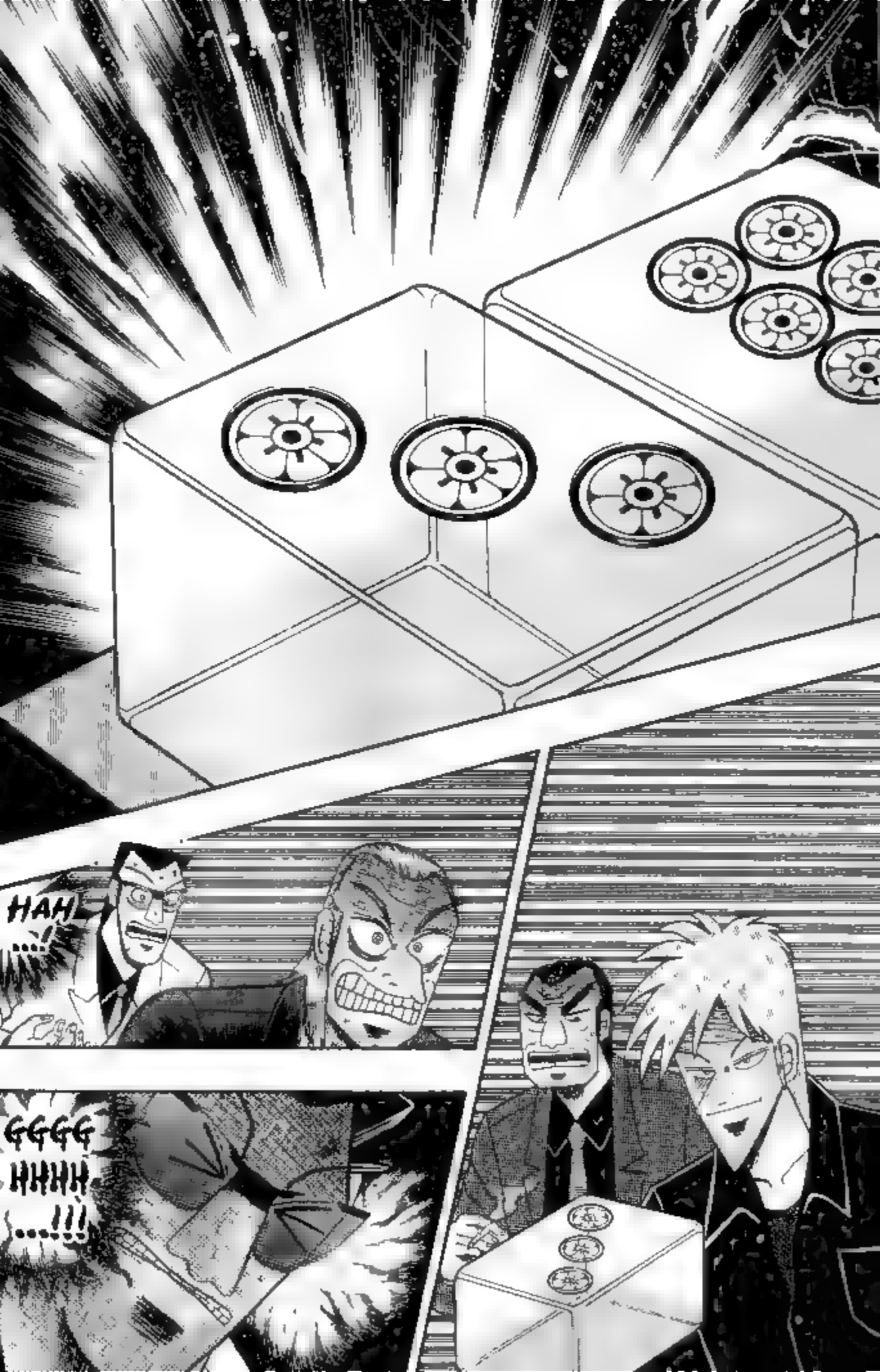
...HE HAS BECOME HYPNO-TIZED...
...WASHIZU HAS BE-COME ENTRA-NCED!
GR GH ...!!
BY THE DEMON SITTING BEFORE HIM!!
ENOUGH... WITH THAT STUPID SMIRK...!!


DO YOU THINK I'M GOING TO GIVE IN?!?!
GET THAT UGLY GRIN OFF YOUR FACE, AKAGI!!


DO YOU THINK I'LL BE THREATENED BY THAT?!?!

HA HH HH HH HH HH ...!!!
AH ...!!
GYA HH ...!!!
GRGH ...!!

WA
...
WAS-
HIZU-
SAMA
!!!!!
GYA
HH!!


HAH
....
GGGG
HHHH
...!!!

EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS IS JUST TOO CRUEL!!
BUT...
THIS IS JUST TOO CRUEL ...!!
I CAN'T LOOK!!
HOW'S THAT ...?
MAYBE ...!
AS I'D EXPECT, WASHIZU ...
THAT WAS VERY BOLD ...
A GOOD GUESS
HM HMM HMM ...

BUT...

...IT WAS WR-ONG.

IPPATSU RIICHI, TANYAO, PINFU...

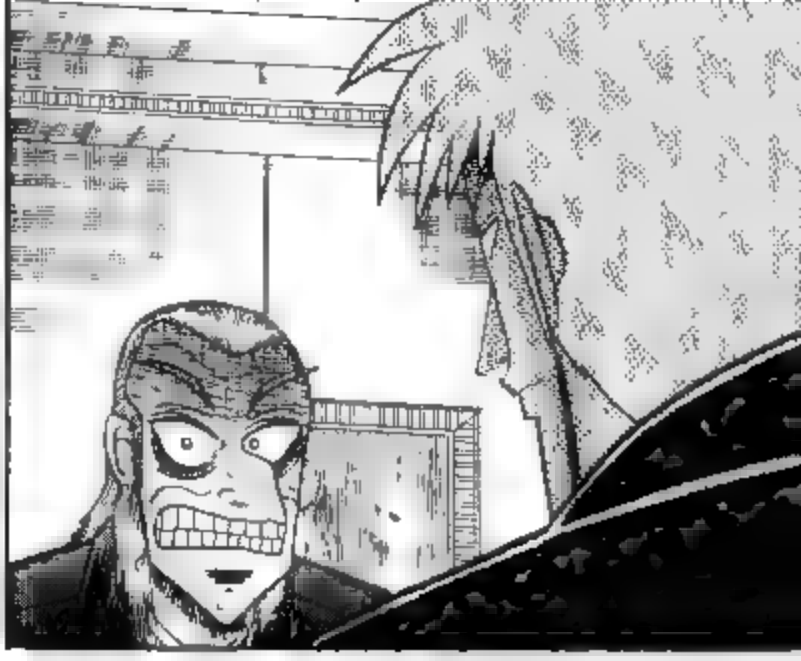
SAN SHOKU, II PEI KOU...

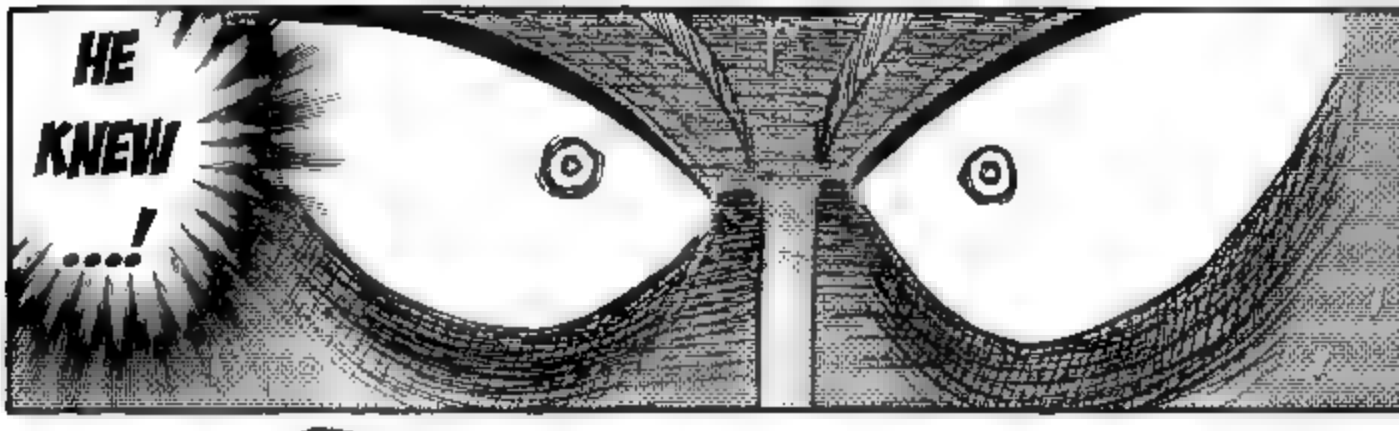
...WITH 1 URA-DORA.

THAT'S BAI-MAN.
16000 POINTS
AH...!
HAHHHHHH...!!

GR GH ...!!
WHA ...?
THE OPAQUE 5-PIN ...??!
HE... HE HAD IT ...?!
AH ...?!
THEN THAT MEANS ...!
WA... WAIT A MINUTE ...!
WHA ...?!

GR
GH
...!




HE
KNEW
...!

...HE
KNEW
FOR A
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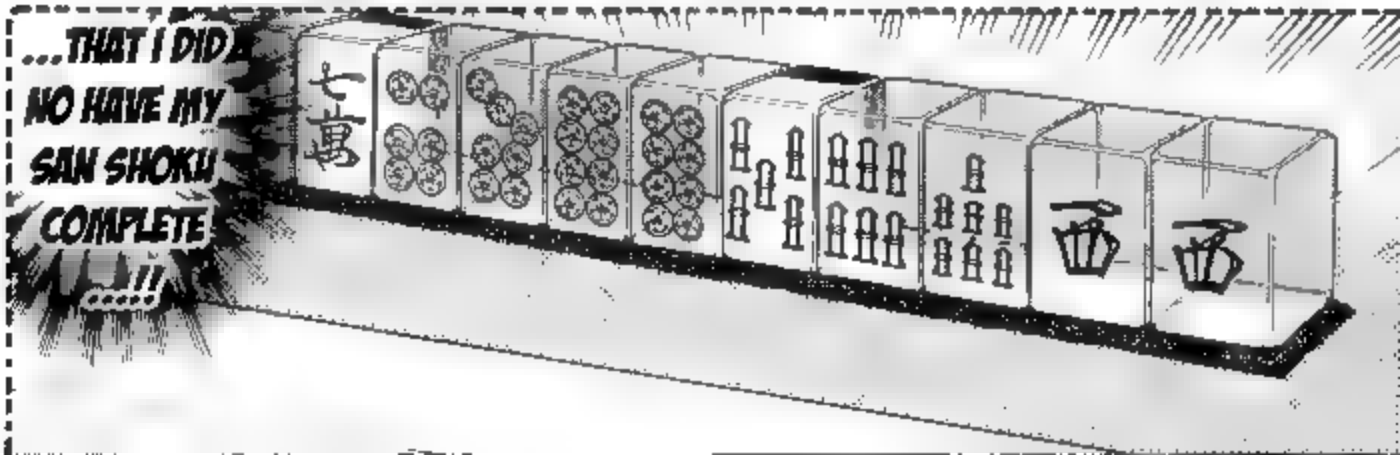
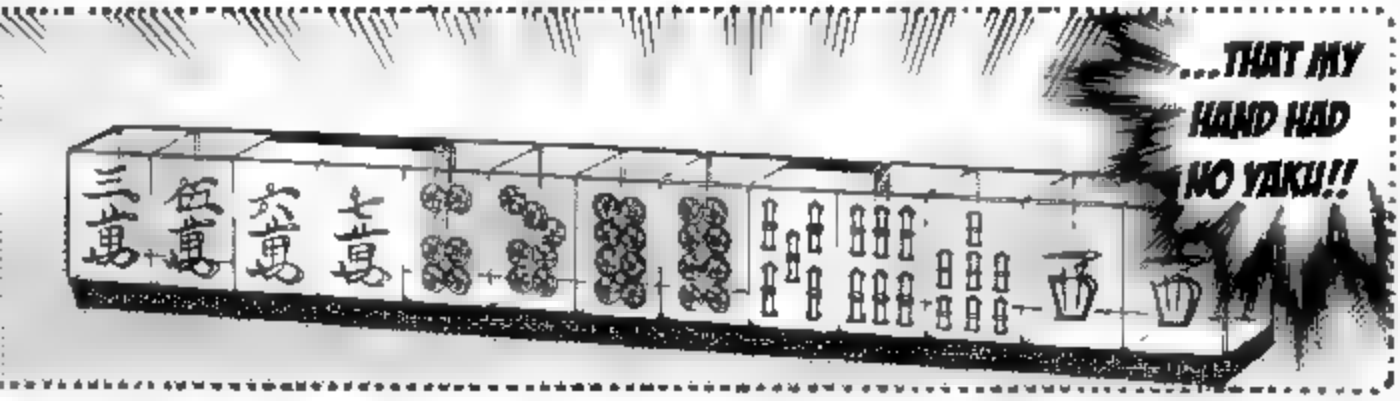
...WHEN
HE DREW
THE DORA,
XIA...

BACK
THEN...

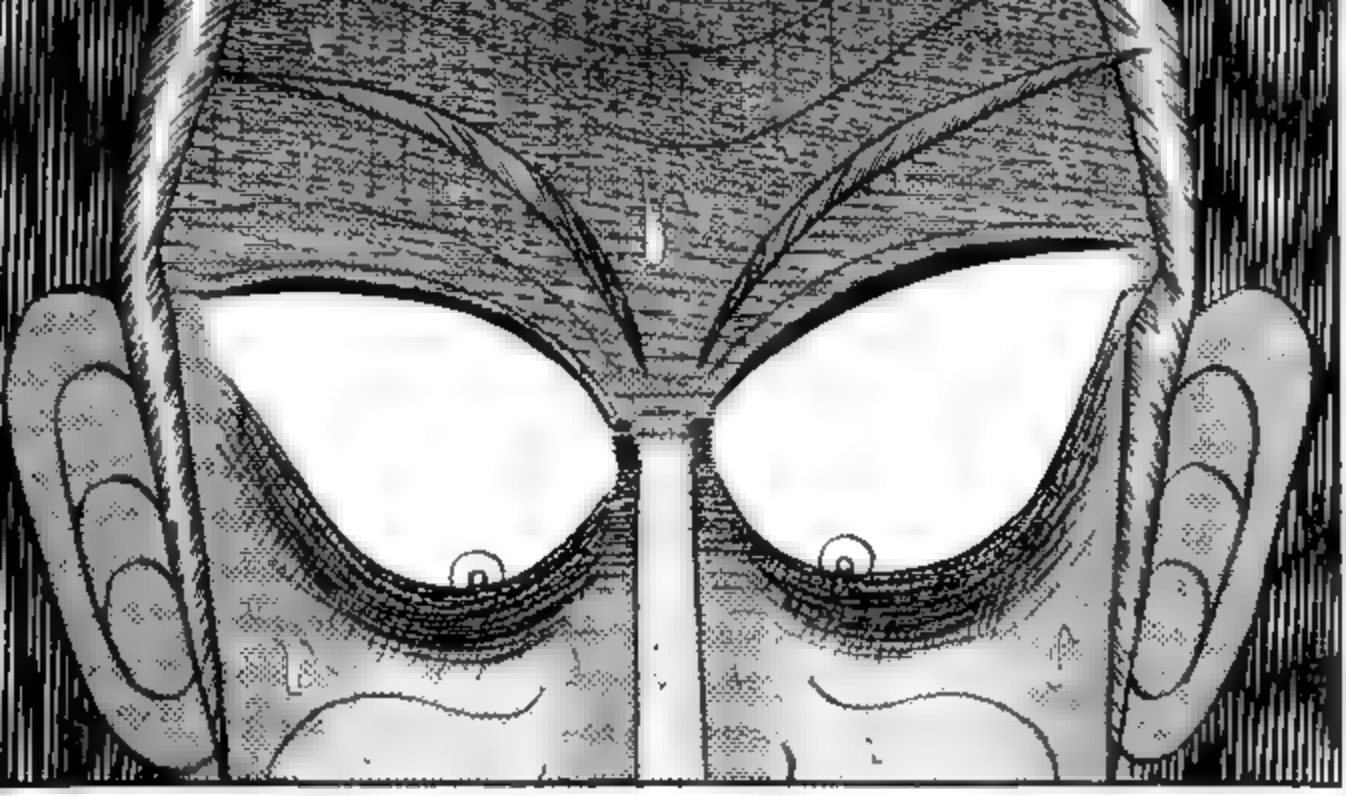

...THAT I DID A
NO HAVE MY
SAN SHOKU
COMPLETE
...!!

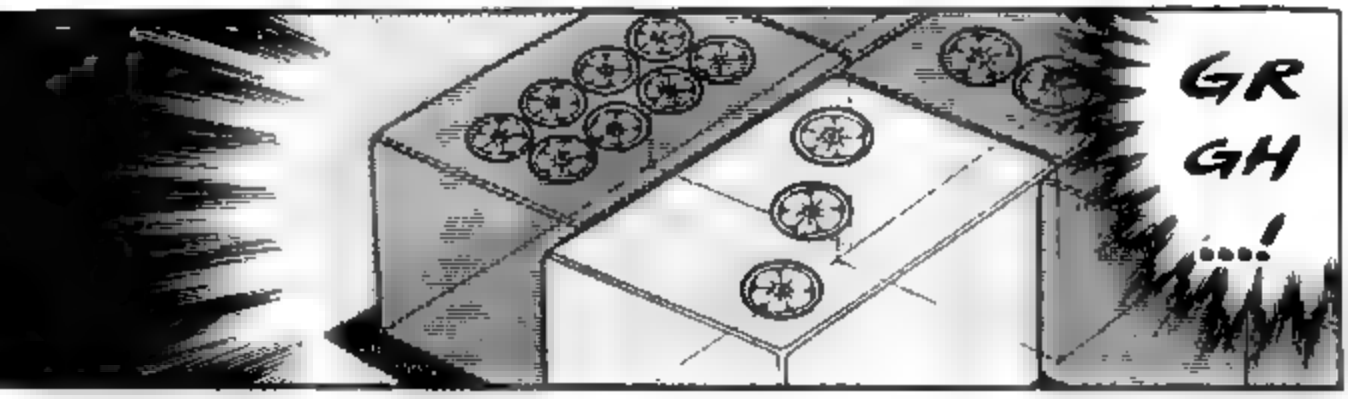
HE KNEW THAT XIA WOULD PASS RIGHT BY ME!!!
IT WAS CLEAR AS DAY...
THERE WAS NO NEED TO DOUBT IT...!
THAT DORA, XIA...!!
IN OTHER WORDS ...


...THAT MY HAND HAD NO YAKU!!

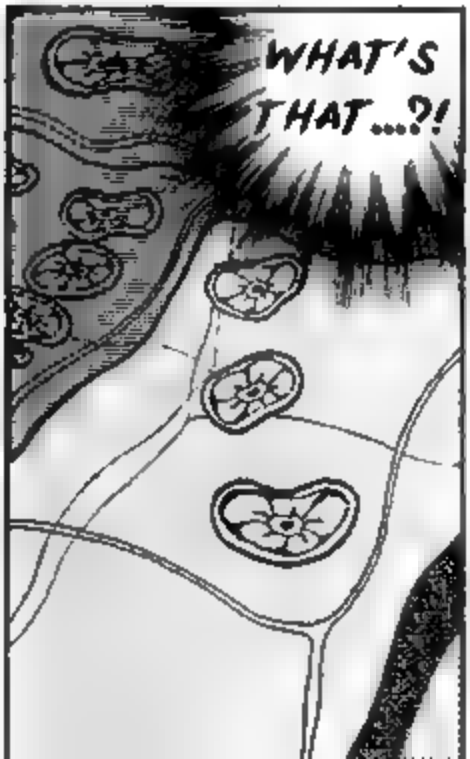
THAT WAS WHAT HE WANTED ME TO THINK...!!!
...IT WASN'T BECAUSE HE WAS THINKING ABOUT NOT DEALING IT...!
WHEN BE KEPT THE XIA IN HIS HAND FOR A TIME...
WHICH MEANS ...

...AND MAKING ME FEEL DELIG-HTED...
AND JUST BY KEEPING IT FOR A FEW MORE TURNS...
IT WAS JUST FOR SHOW!!
HE LET ME THINK THAT WAY BY HOLDING OFF ON DEALING IT...!!
...I MADE THAT RID-ICULOUSLY BAD CALL ...!
AND AS A RESULT...
HE GOT ME TO PANIC WHEN HE SUDDENLY DEALT IT FROM INSIDE HIS HAND .!
...DEALT HIS WINNING TILE...!!
AND FINALLY ...
AND RIGHT AFTER THAT... I GOT INTO FURITEN...!





WHY WOULD I DEAL SOME-THING LIKE THAT ?!?!



A H H H ...?!

GEH ...!
GR RRR RGG HHH ...!
GG HH ...
IT WAS COM- PLETELY OBVIOUS THAT WAS WHAT HE NEEDED!!
HAH ...!!
YOU DE- MON- !!!

DEMON...!
DEMON...!!
DEMON...!!!
GR
GH
...!
AT THIS MOMENT, THE GAME HAS ENTERED THE SOUTH 4TH ROUND.
...THE 5TH SEQUION.
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WAGHIZU MAH-JONG ...
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AT PRESENT, THE POINT TOTALS FOR AKAGI AND WASHIZU, OUR TWO COMPETITORS, ARE 39,600 AND 10,700, RESPECTIVELY.

THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO HAS BEEN OPENED TO 28,900 POINTS!

Washizu: 10,700 Points
Remaining Funds: 256.4 Million Yen

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WITH THIS WIN, THE DIRECTION OF THE GAME HAS BEEN ALL BUT DE-CIDED...!

Akagi: 39,600 Points
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 333.6 Million Yen

ORDINARILY, FOR WASHIZU MAHJONG, THIS DIFFERENCE OF CLOSE TO 30,000 POINTS WOULD BE A COMPLETE SAFETY NET! THIS BLOCKADE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO BE OVER-TURNED... THERE WOULD BE LITTLE CHANCE FOR A COMEBACK!

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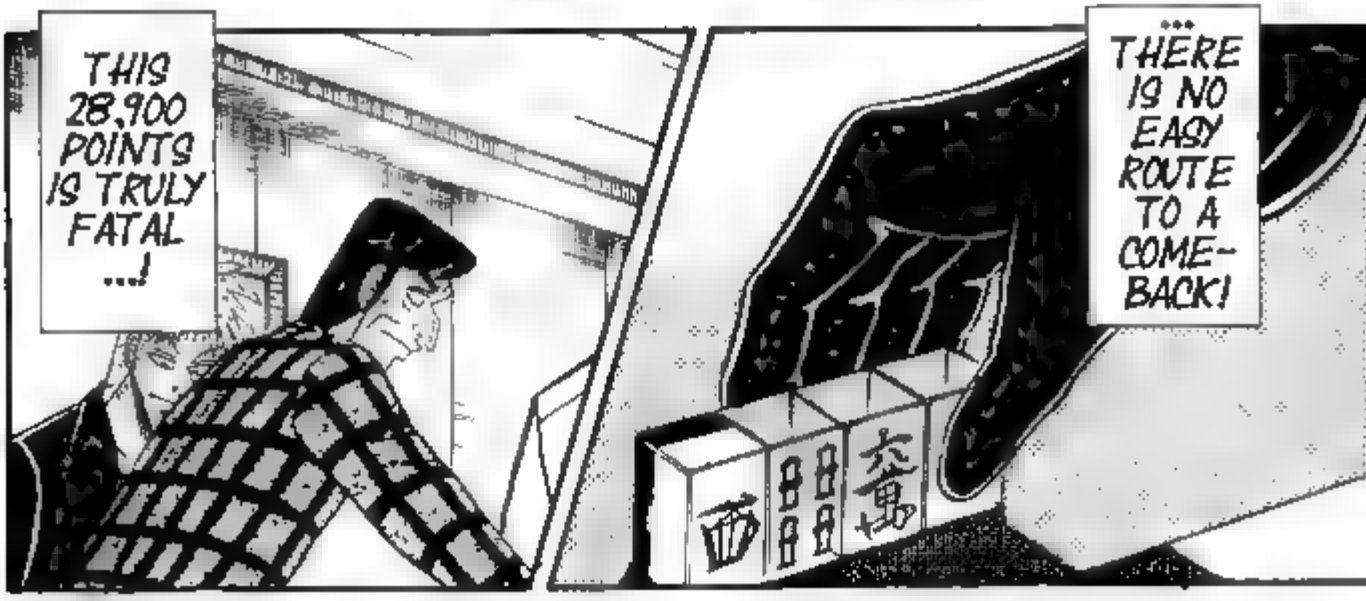
...SO, IN WASHIZU MAHJONG...
BECAUSE OF THIS, DIRECT HITS ARE MUCH EASIER TO AVOID...
THIS IS DUE TO 3 IN 4 TILES BEING TRANSPARENT!


THIS 28,900 POINTS IS TRULY FATAL...!
...THERE IS NO EASY ROUTE TO A COME-BACK!

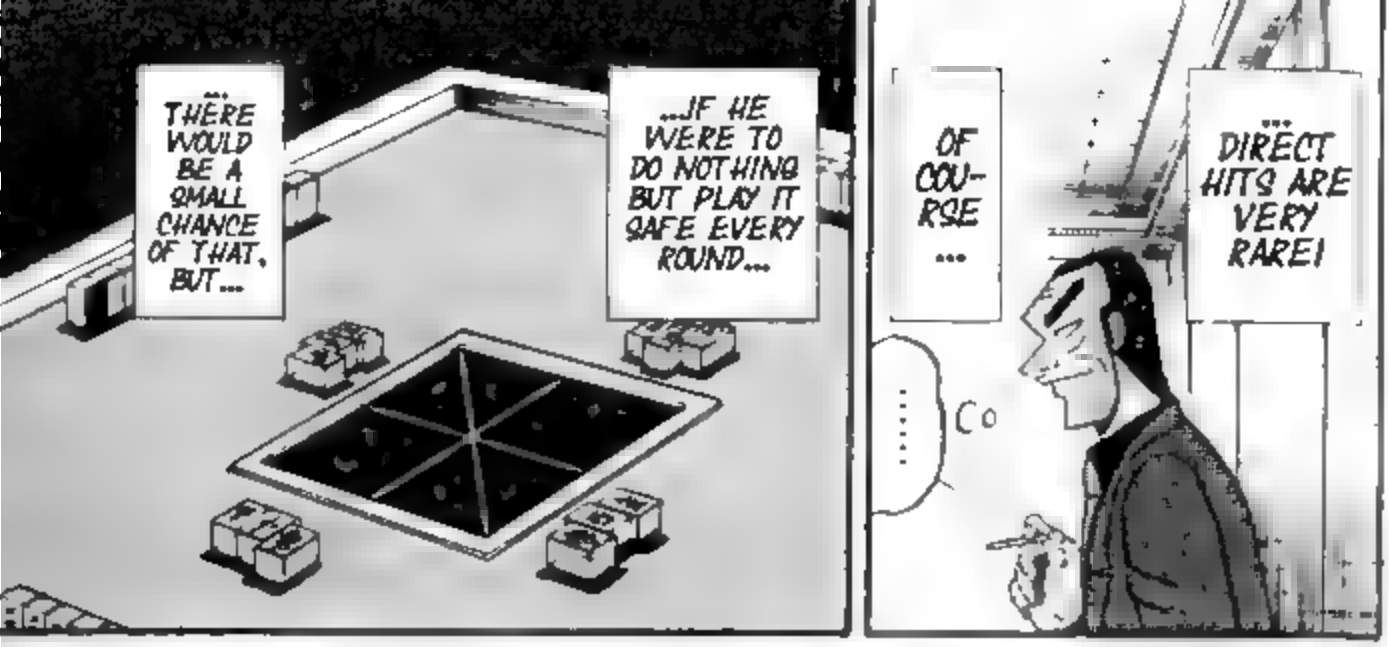
...IS A FIERCE DIETY...

BUT HIS OPPONENT...
NOT ONLY THAT...

...A MONSTER!

...MAKES THIS SITUATION ESPECIALLY DESPERATE!!
THE VERY FACT THAT HE IS FACING AKAGI SHIGERU ...
KR GH ...!
UP UNTIL NOW ...

...HAS AKAGI EVER DEALT IN TO WASHIZU'S HAND!
...NOT ONE TIME...
...IN ALL 5 OF THE SESSIONS TO THIS POINT...
...FROM WASHIZU'S LUCKY TSUMO WINS...
...HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY...
THE POINTS THAT AKAGI HAS LOST...
THOSE WERE HIS ONLY LOSSES!
...TO DEAL INTO HIS HAND!
...HE WOULD TELL YASUOKA...
...OR OTHERWISE...
...WHERE 3 IN 4 TILES ARE TRANSPARENT...
IN THIS GAME OF WASHIZU MAHJONG...


...THERE WOULD BE A SMALL CHANCE OF THAT, BUT...
...IF HE WERE TO DO NOTHING BUT PLAY IT SAFE EVERY ROUND...
OF COU-RSE ...
...DIRECT HITS ARE VERY RARE!
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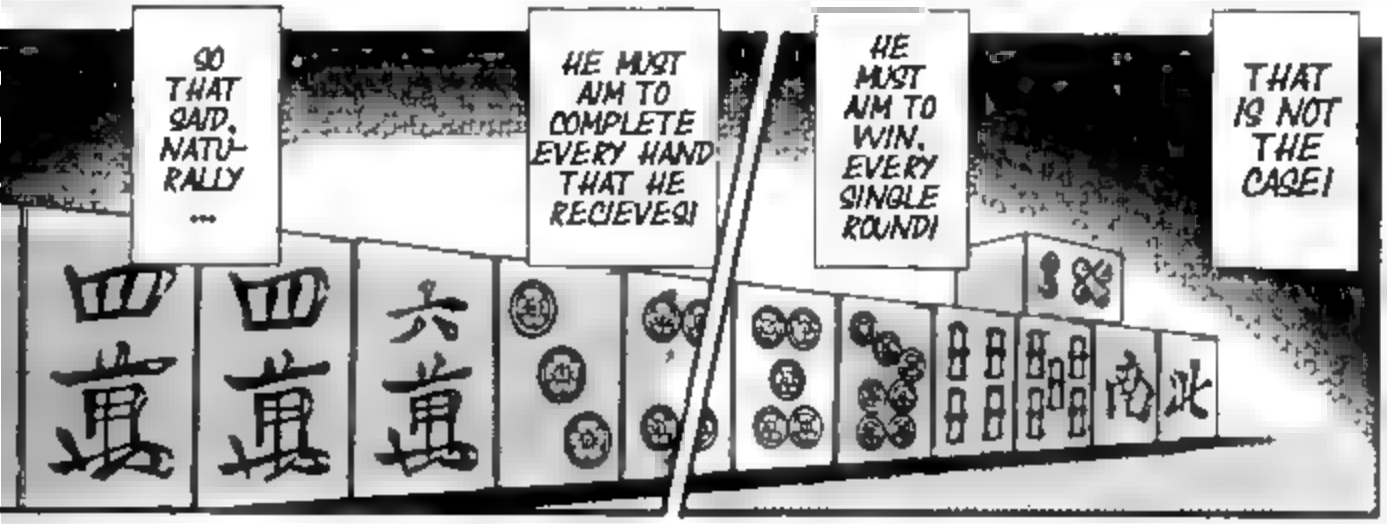
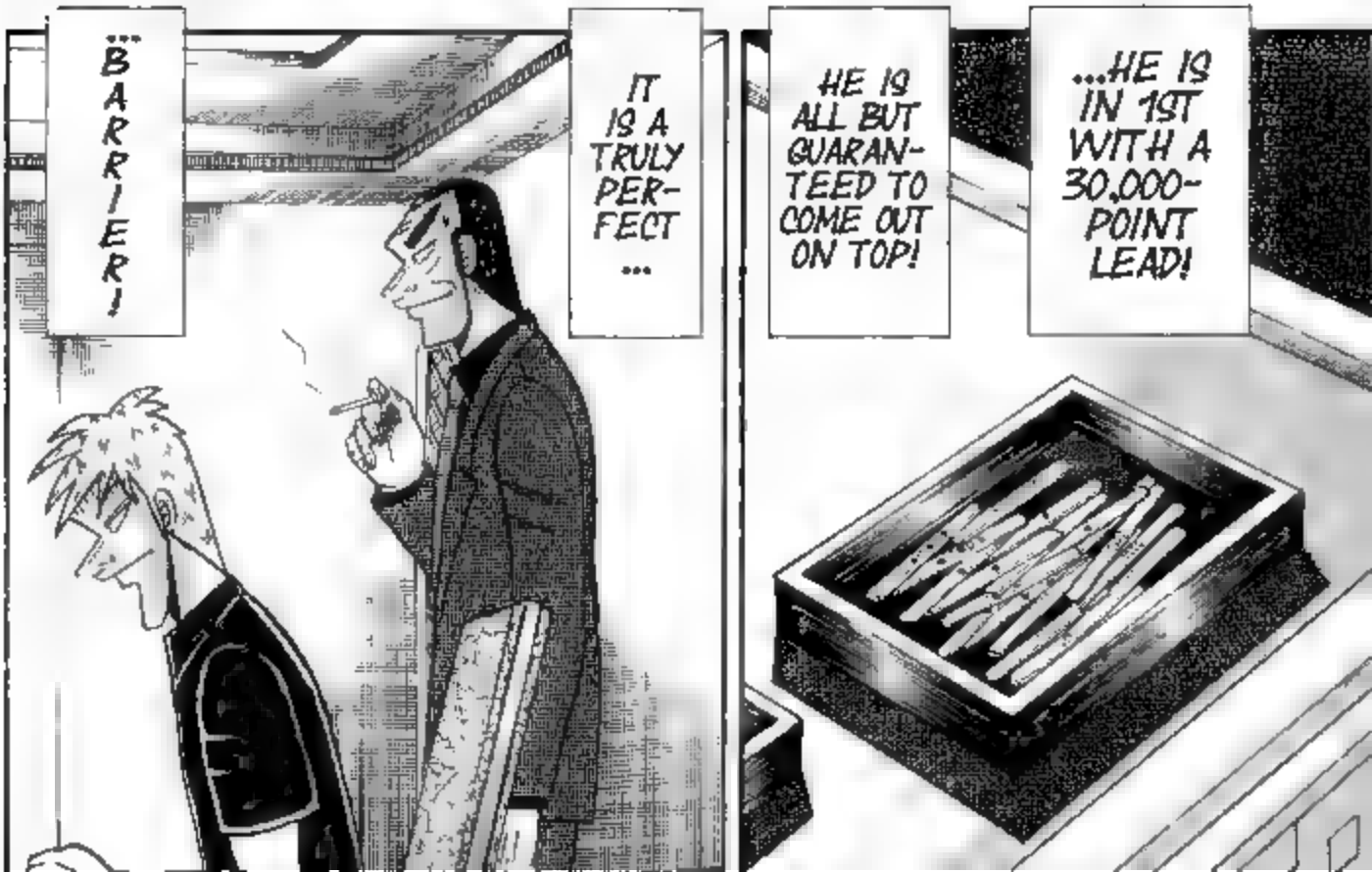

SO THAT SAID, NATU-RALLY ...
HE MUST AIM TO COMPLETE EVERY HAND THAT HE RECIEVES!
HE MUST AIM TO WIN, EVERY SINGLE ROUND!
THAT IS NOT THE CASE!

MON-STROUS ...
THIS IS TRULY AN UN-NATURAL PHENOM-ENON...
A DE-MONIC STYLE OF GAM-BLING!
AND YET, AKAGI HAS YET TO DEAL INTO WASHIZU EVEN A SINGLE TIME...!
...THAT MAY NOT PASS AS EASILY AS OTHERS!
...THERE WOULD COME TIMES WHEN A CERTAIN CUT WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAKE TENPAI...

KEH ...!!
THIS IS JUST INTOLER-ABLE...!!

AND IN THIS, THE 5TH SES-SION, AS WELL...
...AKAGI HAS ENDED UP IN 1ST PLACE EVERY SESSION!
ON TOP OF HAVING NOT DEALT IN EVEN ONCE ...
TO NOW,
.....


...BARRIER!
IT IS A TRULY PER-FECT ...
HE IS ALL BUT GUARAN-TEED TO COME OUT ON TOP!
...HE IS IN 1ST WITH A 30,000-POINT LEAD!

...A TRE-MEN-DOUS WALL!
AN OP-PRESSIVE BARRIER STANDING IN HIS WAY...

AN INSUR-MOUNT-ABLE ROCK PLATE!

THERE IS NO PLACE ...

...FOR HIS HANDS OR LEGS TO GRIP!

A PRECI-PICE!
GR GH ...!
KEH!

HOW IN THE WORLD ...
THERE'S ABSO-LUTELY NO WAY AROUND IT...!!

THIS GIGANTIC WALL...!!
...DID THIS EVEN COME TO BE...?!

IT'S MAKING ME LOOK LIKE A FOOL...!!
GR GH ...!

WHAT A STUPID WAY TO PLAY!!

THIS ROCK PLATE!!

THIS IS IMPOS-SIBLE ...!!

A TERRIBLE MOVE!!

Washizu's Hand

THAT BAIMAN DIRECT HIT WAS VERY DAMAGING!

IT WAS TRULY PAIN-FUL...

A NEED-LESSLY RASH DECISION...!!

...WAS STILL MOVING FOR-WARD!

HIS HAND...

...HE WAS STILL FILLING IN GAPS...

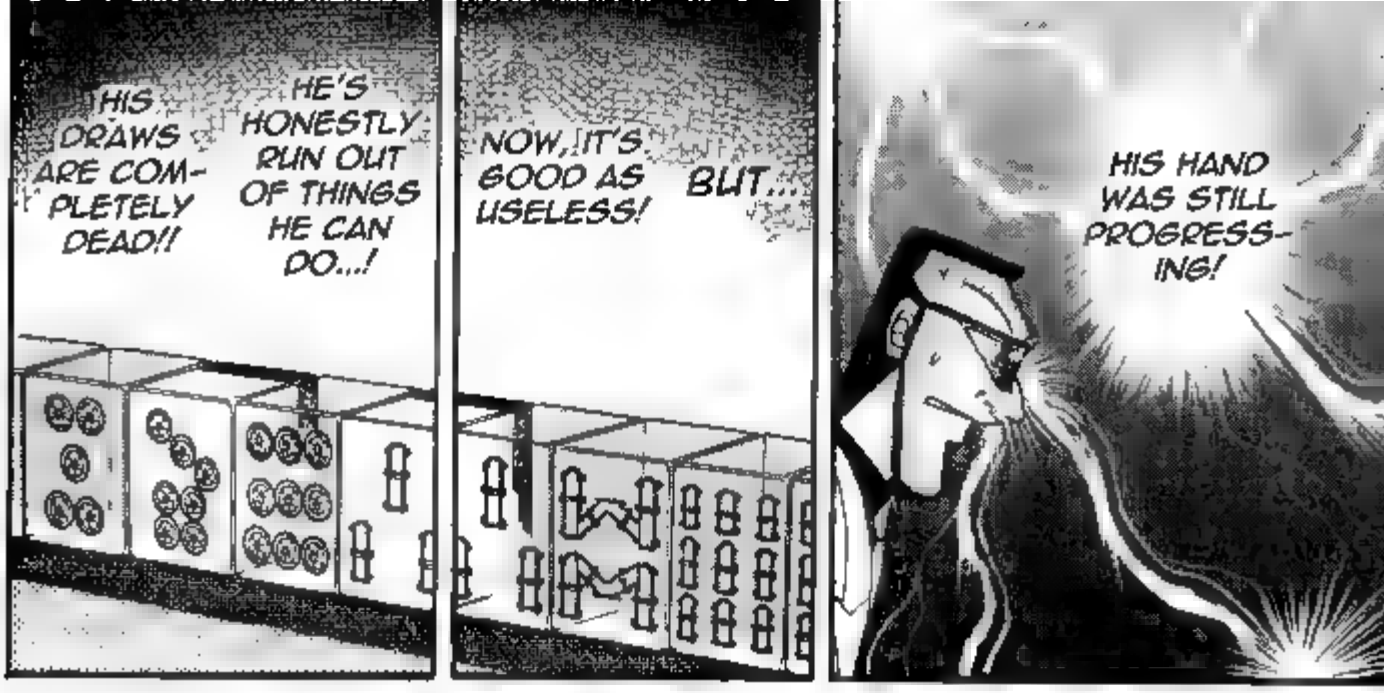
UP UNTIL THAT BRUTAL DISCARD...

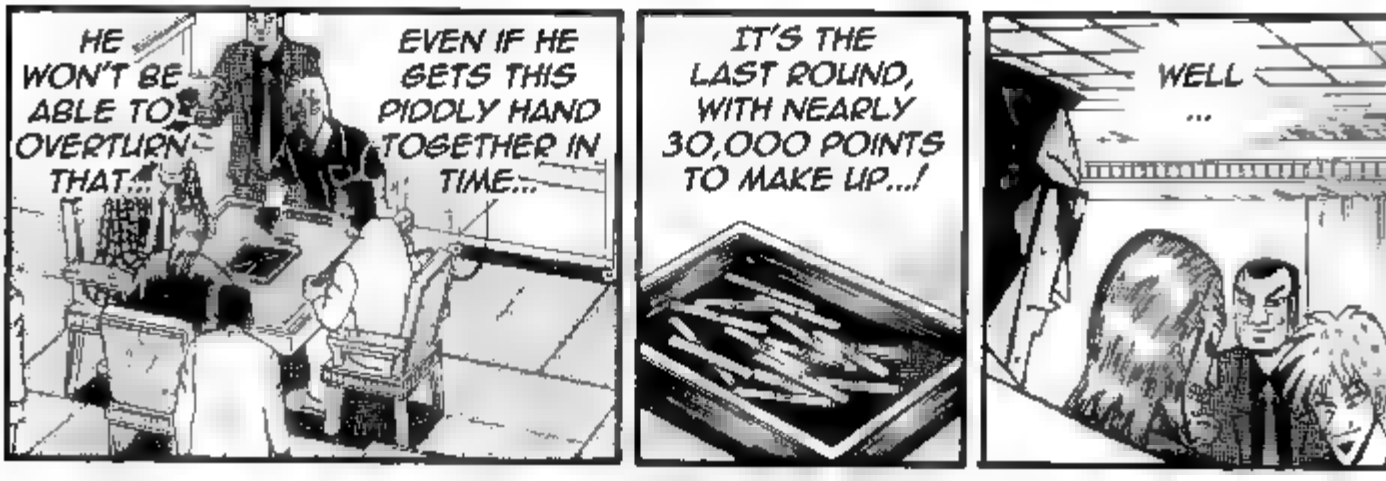
...A BAD START-ING HAND, AND BAD DRAWS!

IT HAS NO POWER.

AS I'D EXPECT, HIS HAND IS SLOW..

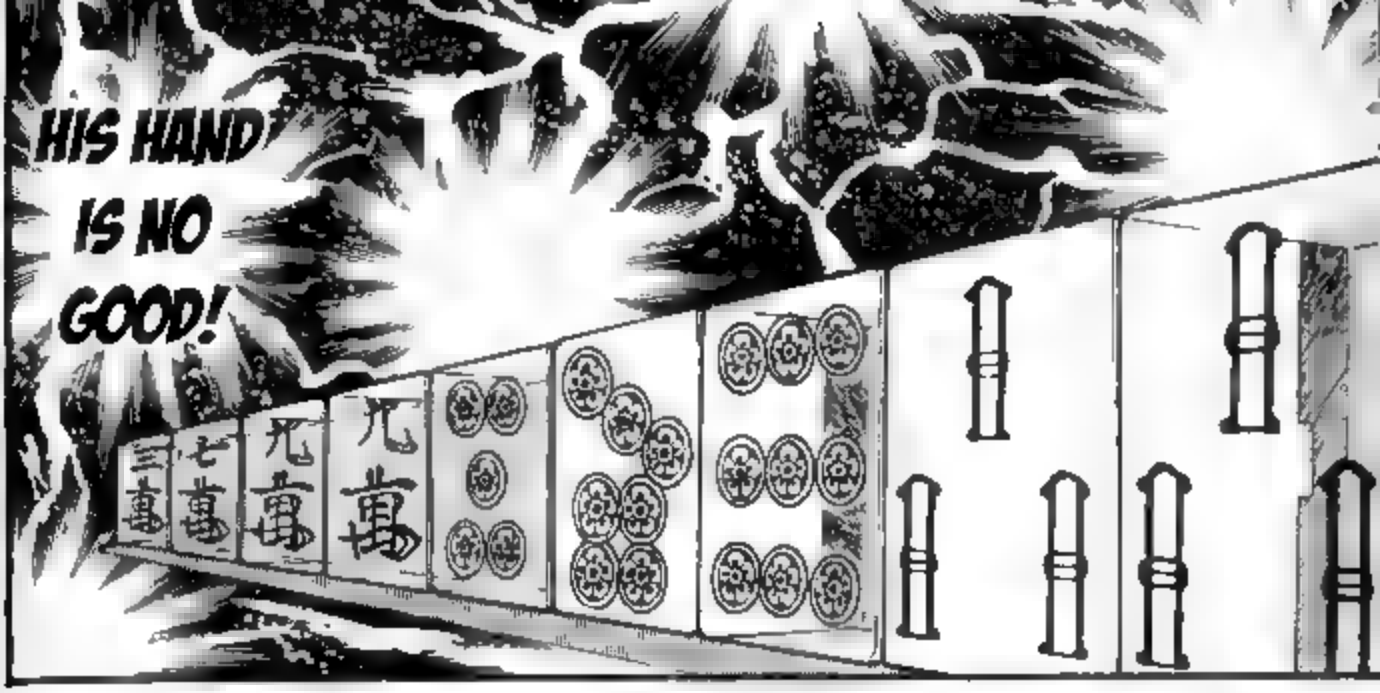
KR GH ...!

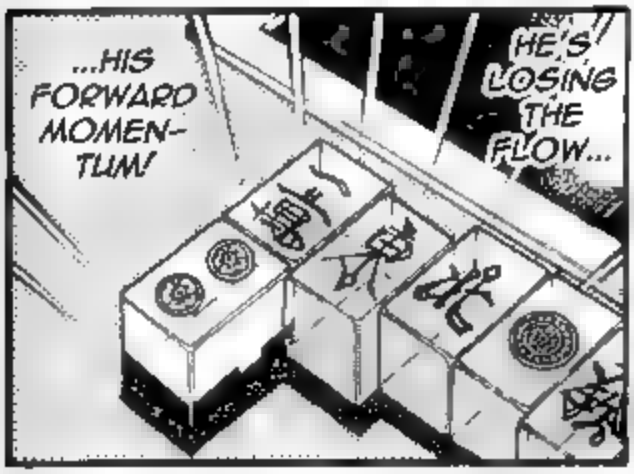

HIS DRAWS ARE COMPLETELY DEAD!!
HE'S HONESTLY RUN OUT OF THINGS HE CAN DO...!
NOW, IT'S GOOD AS USELESS!
BUT...
HIS HAND WAS STILL PROGRESSING!

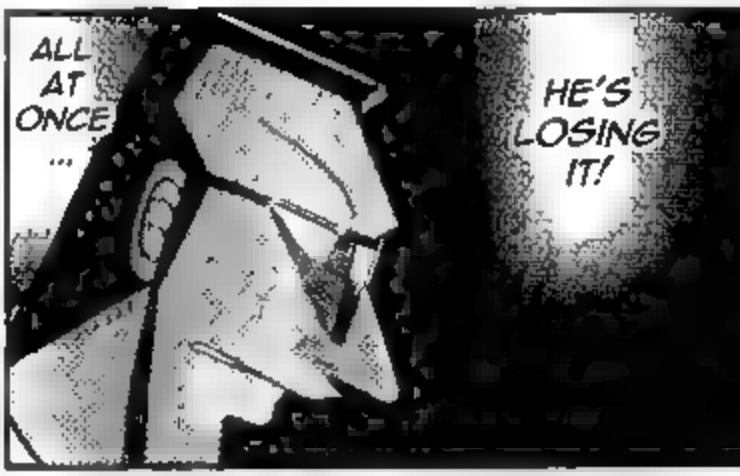

HE WON'T BE ABLE TO OVERTURN THAT...
EVEN IF HE GETS THIS PIDDLY HAND TOGETHER IN TIME...
IT'S THE LAST ROUND, WITH NEARLY 30,000 POINTS TO MAKE UP...!
WELL ...

THIS 5TH SESSION IS AT ITS END.
SEEMS LIKE IT'S OVER, NOW...
NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES, IT'S USELESS!
OF COURSE ...
ドッ

IF HE GETS A 5200- POINT DIRECT HIT...
NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE IN THE MATCH, THAT HOPE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE!
THERE'S STILL THE OPTION OF KILLING HIM THROUGH THE BONUS PAYMENTS!
BE THAT AS IT MAY...
...THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO KILL HIM!
...HE WOULD HAVE 4000 POINTS TAKEN...
... SINCE AKAGI IS THE DEALER
OR A MANGAN TSUMO... WHICH WOULD MEAN...
HE CAN STILL KILL HIM, EVEN NOW!
RIGHT NOW, IT'S LOOKING GRIM!
EVEN FOR THAT...
BUT...


HIS HAND IS NO GOOD!


...HIS FORWARD MOMEN-TUM!
HE'S LOSING THE FLOW...

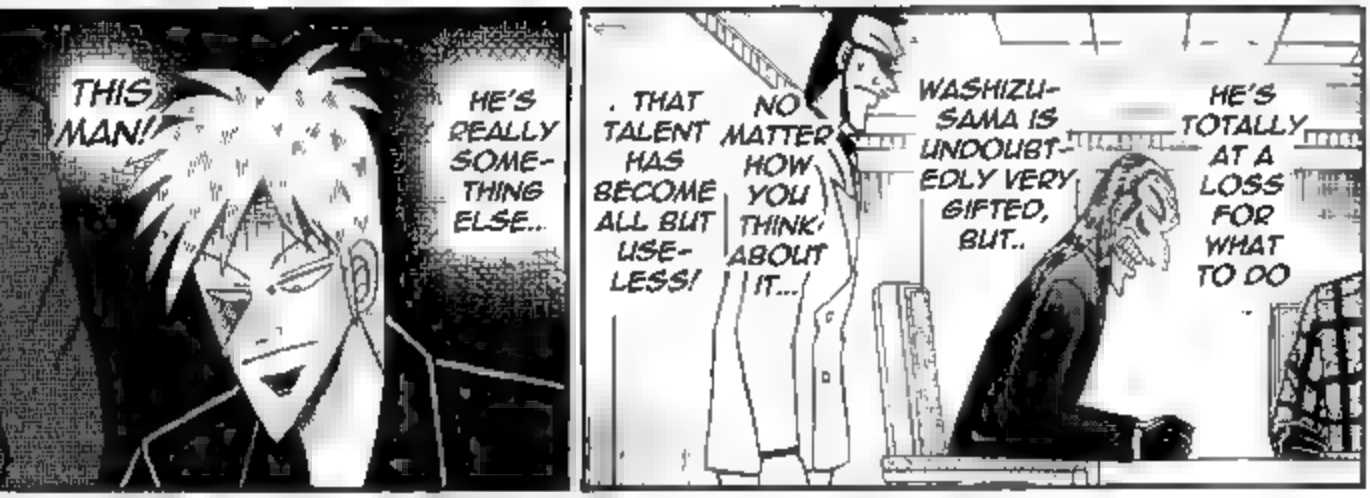

ALL AT ONCE ...
HE'S LOSING IT!

HE HAS LOST HIS WAY...
...NO LONGER HAS HIS VIGOUR!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA...
MOST IMPOR-TANTLY...

...ALONE THAT PATH HE FOUND BEFORE!

THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM STRUGGLING THIS MUCH!
IT'S THE VERY FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN WASHIZU-SAMA LIKE THIS!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME!


THIS MAN!
HE'S REALLY SOMETHING ELSE..
. THAT TALENT HAS BECOME ALL BUT USELESS!
NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
WASHIZU-SAMA IS UNDOUBTEDLY VERY GIFTED, BUT..
HE'S TOTALLY AT A LOSS FOR WHAT TO DO

.WASHIZU-SAMA WOULD ONLY GROW STRONGER FROM IT!
THEN AS A RESULT
. IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT WERE TO HAPPEN
...AND IF HIS OPPONENT MADE A SKILLFUL MOVE...
...IF WASHIZU-SAMA MADE A MISTAKE...
UP UNTIL NOW ...
HE WOULD WIN BY TSUMO ...!

...AND WIN WITH THE LUCK OF AN EMPEROR!
HE WOULD TWIST THE ARM OF FATE...

...CAN STEAL IT AWAY THROUGH SOME BIZ-ZARE TECH-NIQUE!
...THAT STRONG FATE...
...IN THE FACE OF THAT EMPEROR-LIKE LUCK ...
BUT AKAGI...

THE SWORD HE WAS GOING TO USE TO STRIKE AT AKAGI IS REVERSED!
BEFORE HE RE-ALIZES IT...
MAGIC OF REVER-SAL...!
... SOME KIND OF BLACK MAGIC ...!
IT'S JUST LIKE...

THE BLADE AND HILT HAVE BEEN SWITCHED AROUND!!
A STRATEGY USING THE DARK ARTS ...!!
IT'S A NIGHT-MARE ...!
...THAT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM EXTREMELY STRONG...! AND MOREOVER...
HE ONLY HAS THAT STRANGE TECHNIQUE, BUT...
...IS JUST LIKE A BAD DREAM !!
SOME ONE BEING SUPER-IOR TO WASHIZU-SAMA..

NOT A SINGLE OF OUR THREATS HAS SLIPPED THROUGH
...IS STILL A PERFECT DEFENSE!
THAT MAN'S GUARD...
HIS LUST TO KILL HASN'T PHASED THAT DEFENSE IN THE LEAST!!
WASHIZU-SAMA'S MURDEROUS INTENT...
...HE WOULD BE COMPLETELY DISTRAUGHT!
...OF FACING THAT MURDEROUS INTENT HEAD-ON
AFTER ABOUT 30 MINUTES...
NORMALLY ...

THIS WON'T PASS ....!
HIS CON-SCIOUS-NESS!
HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN IT AT ALL!

THAT'S ALL I CAN DO!
I CAN'T PLAY THIS... I'VE GOT TO KEEP IN IT MY HAND!
...EVEN THOUGH HONORS ARE USUALLY 95% SAFE...
NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS ...

.. HE PLAYS THOSE LIKE HE KNOWS THEY'LL PASS!
WITHOUT A MOMENT OF HESI-ATION..
..HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY OF THAT KIND OF HESITATION!
AND YET, WHEN IT COMES TO THIS MAN...

...IS JUST OUTRA-GEOUS !!
EVERY-THING ABOUT HIM...
THIS IS JUST TOO CRUEL ...!

AKAGI ...!!

I MEAN .. 1ST PLACE IN THE 5TH SESSION...!!

YOU'VE PULLED THROUGH!!

WITH THIS, YOU'RE IN 1ST FOR THE 5TH SESSION!!

...

RIGHT ...?!

THE END IS REALLY IN SIGHT, NOW!

WE CAN SEE THE END!!

...THE 6TH SESSION IS LEFT!

ONLY ...

NOW THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE!

GGH ...!

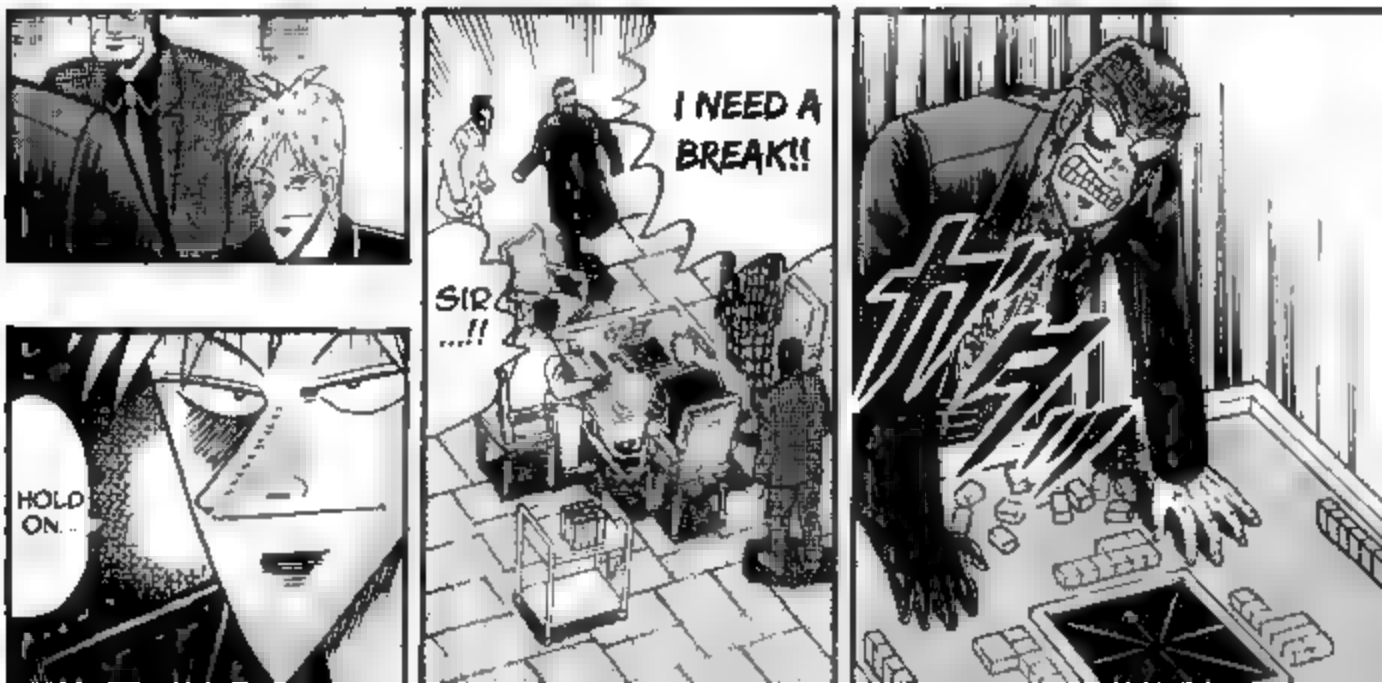
OH-HOOO AH!

TANYAO, 1 DORA. 3900.

YOU DID IT ...!!

RON

RR
RR
RG
HH
...!!!
GR
GH
...!


I NEED A BREAK!!
SIR ...!!
HOLD ON...

..MOST OF THE TIME...
..THE GAME IS OVER.
..AND HE COMPLETES A HAND..
WHEN THE DEALER IS IN 1ST..
WHA?!
..BUT THE TIME HASN'T YET COME FOR THAT!
YOU'RE ALREADY GOING OFF TO TAKE A BREAK..
IN OTHER WORDS
SIT BACK DOWN, WASHIZU!
HUHHHH?!
BUT NOBODY EVER SAID IT HAS TO BE OVER!

WE'RE GOING ON!
CON-TINUING THE 5TH SES-SION...
...WITH AN-OTHER HONBA!
WHAA ...?!?!

IT CON-TIN-UES!!
Washizu: 8,808 Points
Remaining Funds: 282.5 Million Yen
AKAGI EXTENDS THE FIFTH SESSION !!
Akagi: 43,508 Points
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 337.5 Million Yen

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A… AKAGI …!!

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CONTINUANCE

AND THAT'S BLOOD. THE RISK OF YOU LOSING MORE BLOOD THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE!

WE HAVE ANOTHER CONCERN TO WORRY ABOUT

FOR OUR SIDE …

THAT MUCH IS TRUE, BUT…

YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM OVERTAKING YOU IN TERMS OF POINTS…!

OF COURSE. EVEN IF YOU DO EXTEND IT FOR ANOTHER HONBA.

AH, NO …

YES, THAT'S RIGHT…!!

DIDN'T YOU JUST END THE SESSION IN 1ST PLACE?!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?!

STOP THAT, ALREADY …!

...AND MANAGED TO TSUMO WITH A MANGAN, THEN...
... WASHIZU PUT TOGETHER A HAND.
IF, BY SOME CHANCE...
I MEAN, JUST THINK ABOUT IT..

THAT WOULD BE 4000 POINTS...
SINCE YOU'RE THE DEALER ...

YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU, AKAGI?!
THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO KILL YOU, RIGHT THERE!
...WHICH MEANS 400 CCS!

. PROBABLY WON'T BE ANY KIND OF PROBLEM, NOW..
THE NEXT ROUND ...
BUT, STILL ...
WASHIZU'S FLOW DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYTHING TO FEAR, RIGHT NOW...
WELL, TO BE FAIR...
HM HMM HMM ..
.TO TAKE ON THIS UN-NECESSARY AMOUNT OF RISK, NOW!!
THE-RE IS NO REA-SON .
..AND THIS IS A BAT-TLE!!
...WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING FOR SURE...
...THAT'S FAR TOO NAIVE...
...IT'S NOT THE RIGHT RES-POSE.
... OHGI-SAN...
I UNDER-STAND YOUR POINT OF VIEW, BUT...

HUH ...?
RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME WE NEED TO STRIKE!

TO WIN UNTIL OUR LUCK RUNS OUT!
TO WIN AND WIN...
THE TIME TO WIN...

SUCK THE ENEMY DRY OF HIS LIFE FORCE ...
...HIS MONEY!
TO WRING IT ALL OUT...!

UNTIL WE GET EVERY LAST BILL!
ざわ…
UR GH ...!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ...?
WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!
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...WE
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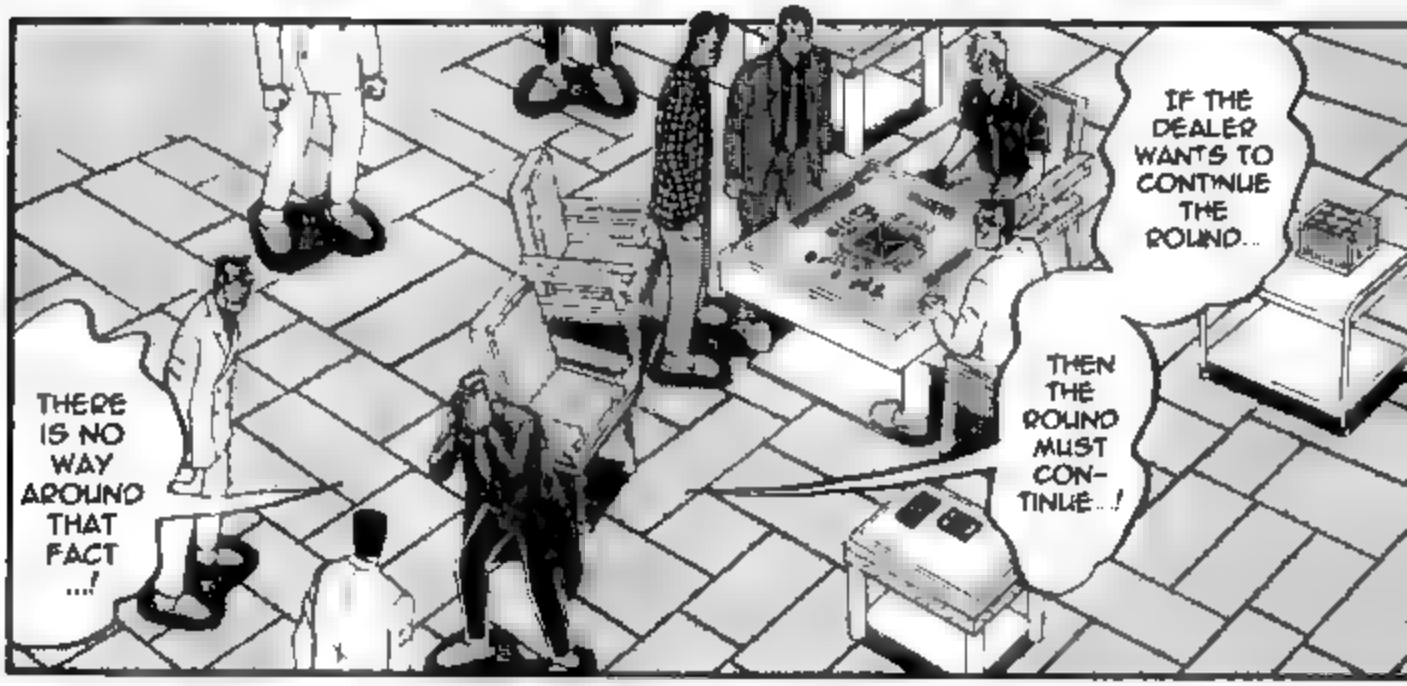
IF THE
DEALER
WANTS TO
CONTINUE
THE
ROUND...
THEN
THE
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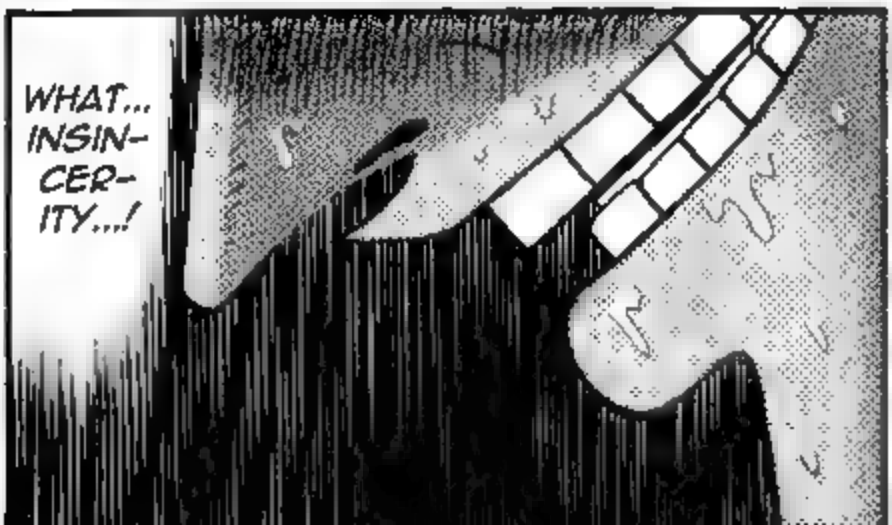
MUST
CON-
TINUE..!
THERE
IS NO
WAY
AROUND
THAT
FACT
...!

KHEH HEH HEH HEH HEH ...!

K-HAH HAH HAH ...!
K-HEE HEE HEE ...!
KHEH KHEH KHEH ...!
K-HOH HOH HOH ...!!

WHAT RUDE-NESS ...!
THE IN-SOLENCE OF THE GENIUS ...!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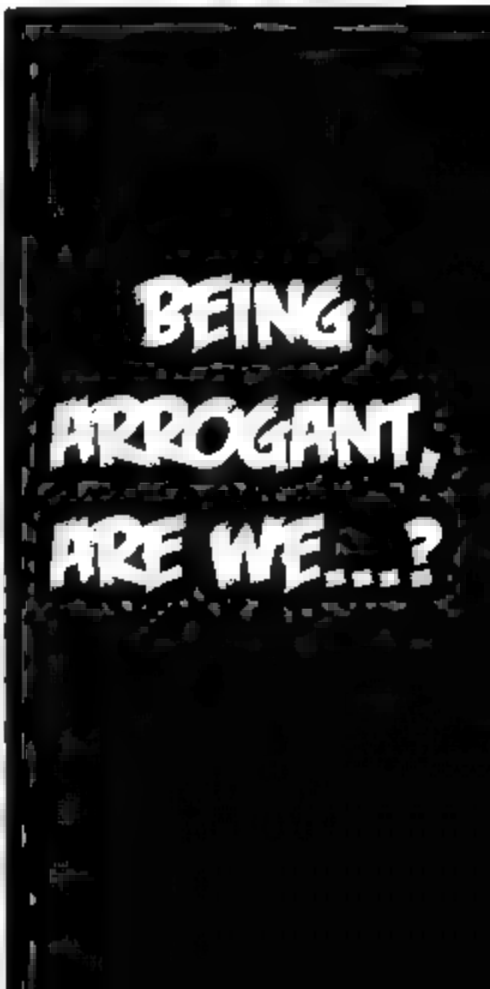
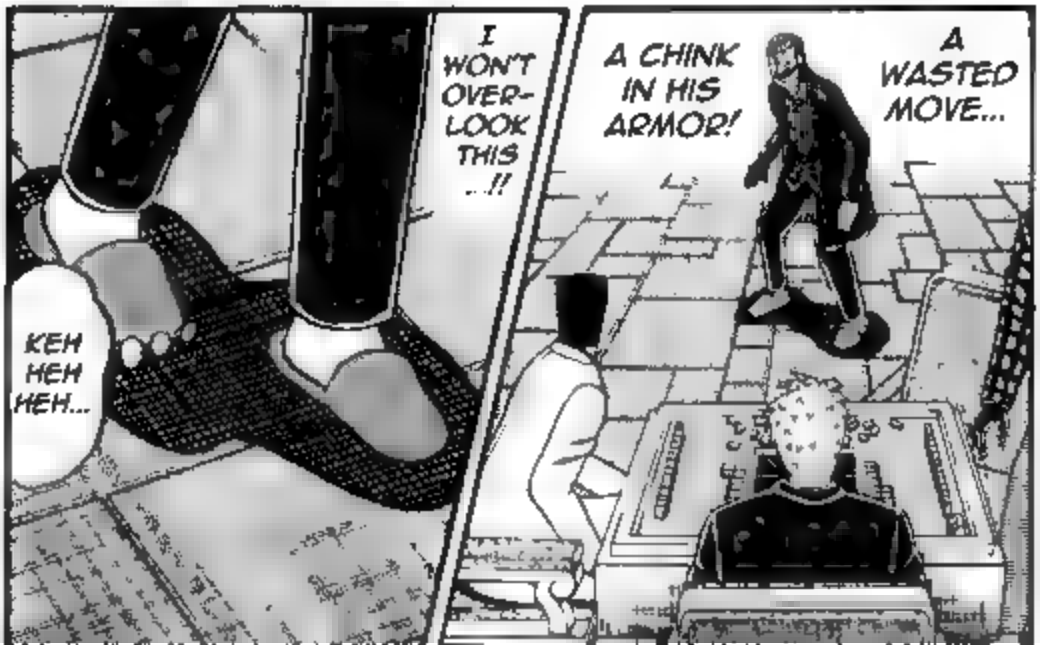

BEING ARROGANT, ARE WE...?

I'VE FINALLY SEIZED IT...!



I HAVE A CHANCE TO KILL HIM OFF!!

I CAN KILL HIM ...!

I'VE GRASPED THIS DEMON'S TAIL...!

THAT FIERCE DIETY ...!!

THAT INSOLENT MAN...!

THAT AKAGI ...!

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AND WITH THAT TINY CRACK IN HIS ARMOR

EVER SO SLIGHTLY STRAINED !!

HAS BEEN COR-ROD-ED!

...HAS DECAYED!

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...I CAN KILL HIM!!

THE 5TH SESSION.

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PROPERLY SPEAKING...

SOUTH 4TH ROUND. 1ST HONBA.

...WITH THE FIRST HONBA!

BUT EVEN SO, THE SOUTH 4TH ROUND MOVES ON...

...AKAGI, THE LAST DEALER, SHOULD HAVE ENDED IT WHEN HE WON...!

ANY ONE CAN SEE ...

...THAT THIS IS A STRANGE PLAY!

AN INEXPLICABLE EXTENSION OF THE ROUND...

AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF ARROGANCE, EVEN FOR AKAGI...

THAT IS THE INESCAPABLE PERCEPTION OF THIS DECISION ...

...THIS UNNEEDED AMOUNT OF RISK!

KGH ....!

AND WASHIZU HOPES TO USE THIS TO HIS ADVANTAGE!

BUT...

...HE CANNOT!

...USE-LESS AND OB-STRUC-TIVE!

...LIKE PLANKS OF WOOD FROM THE SEA...

THEY GATHER TOGET-HER...

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!

GRGH ....!

GAR-BAGE DRAWS THR-OUGH AND THR-OUGH!

NOT A SIN-GLE USE-FUL DRAW ...

A TERRIBLE STARTING HAND!

GRGH ....!!

...HORR-IBLE DRAWS!

AC-COM-PAN-IED WITH ...

ALL I HAVE IS THIS, 8 TURNS IN!!

一萬 二萬 四萬 七萬 九萬

AND WHILE THIS IS GOING ON...

DAM-MIT...!!

DAM-MIT...!

THIS IS RIDICU-LOUS...!

IT IS THE SAME AS HIS START-ING HAND!

IT HAS NOT CHA-NGED...!

AKAGI...

...NOTHING SEEMS TO BE COMING!!

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I DRAW...

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO...!

...REALLY HAD ME WORRIED FOR A MINUTE...

THIS UNNEEDED EXTRA HONBA ...

JUST LIKE THAT ...!

WHEW ...

GAH ...!!

ITSUU, 1 DORA. 8000 POINTS. RON!

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?

HM HMM HMM ...

NOW IT'S OVER AND DONE WITH!

...BUT THERE WAS NOTHING TO IT!

YEAH ...

YOU BRO-UGHT IT TO THE END ...!

YOU DID IT!!

ALL RIGHT!!

KGH...!

THE 2ND HONBA!
WE'RE GOING ON!

AKAGI ...!!
I WON'T STOP NOW..
WHY ...?!
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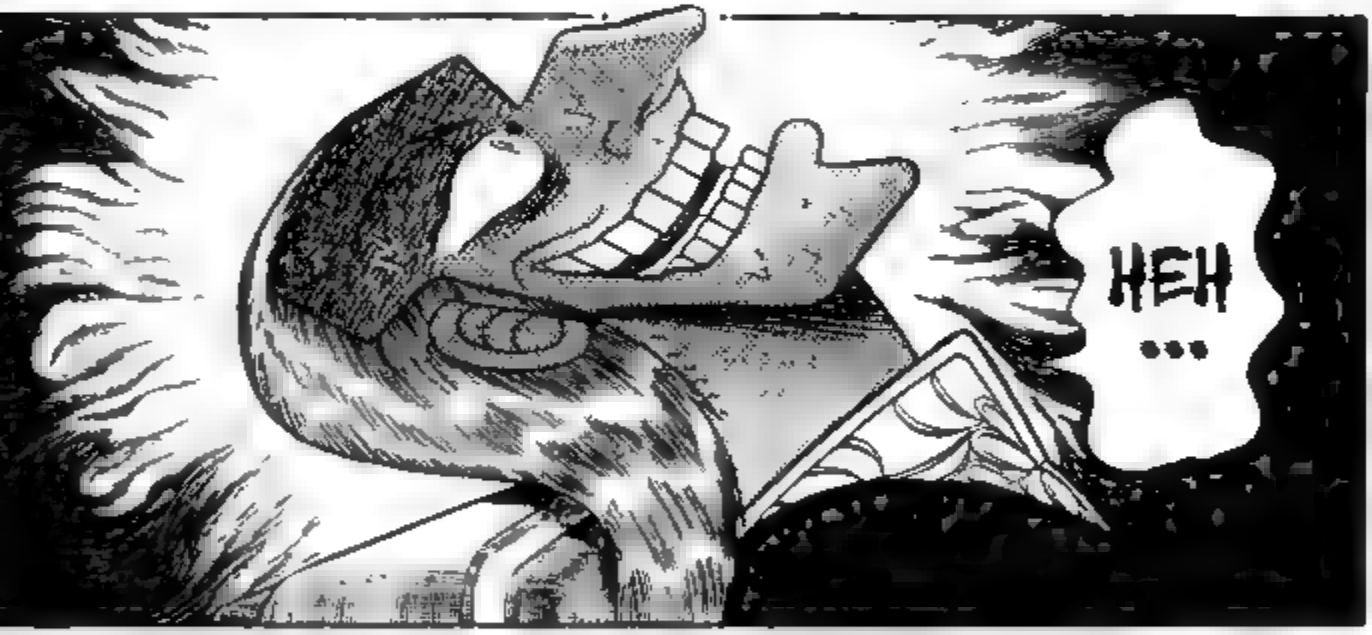
WHA ...?

...LIKE HE'S A DEAD DOG.
.. HAS ABSO-LUTELY NO MOMEN-TUM OR ENERGY OF ANY KIND...
RIGHT NOW, WASHI-ZU...
...WE'RE STILL GOING ON!

SO WE'LL TAKE WHAT HE HAS ...
I WON'T STOP NOW THAT HE'S WOUNDED!
GR GH ...!

W... WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!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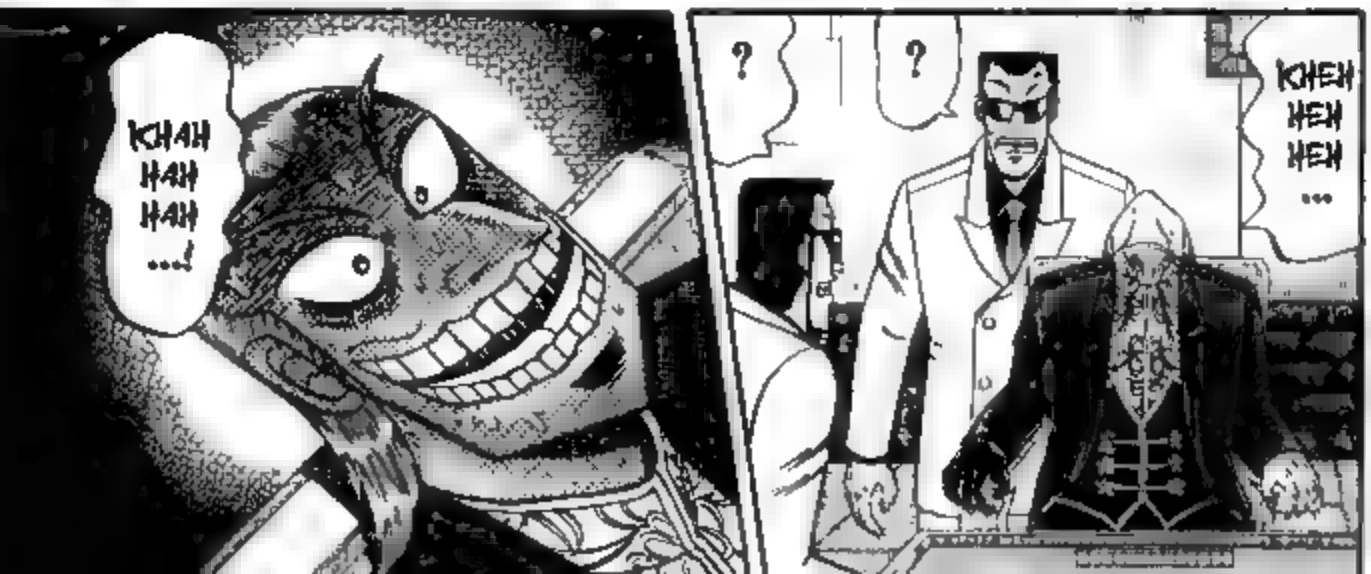
KHAH HAH HAH ...!
? ?
KHEH HEH HEH ...

I CAN KILL HIM...!
I CAN KILL HIM...!
I CAN KILL HIM...!!

I CAN KILL HIM...!

CHAPTER 134-
INSUBORDINATION

第134話 往生わ…

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Akagi: 51,600 Points
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 345.5 Million Yen

Washizu: -1,200 Points
Remaining Funds: 254.5 Million Yen

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A BIZZARE 5TH SESSION, AND A BIZZARE SOUTH 4TH ROUND, 2ND HONBA...!

A BIZZARE CONTIN-UATION...!

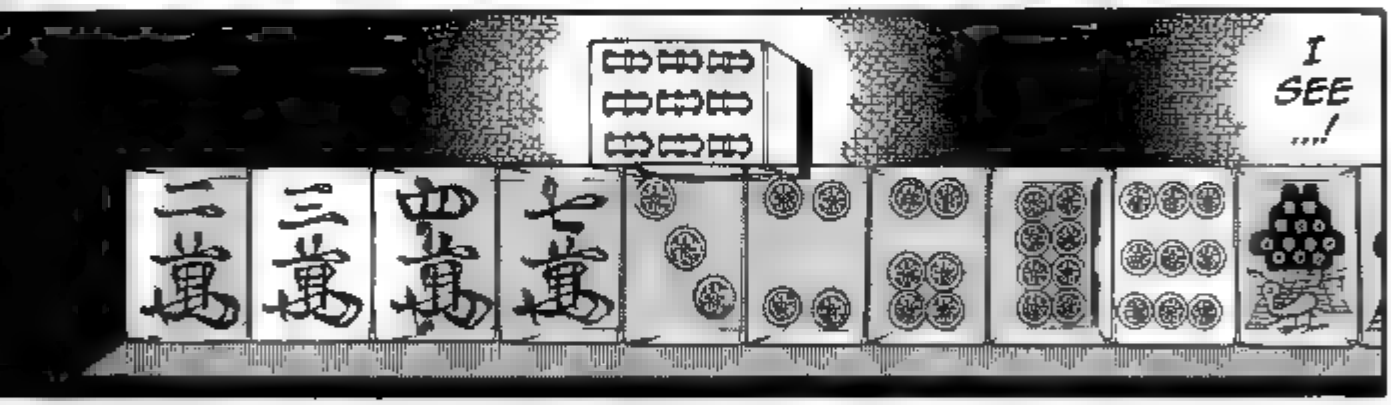
A BIZZARE EXTENSION TO THE ROUND...!

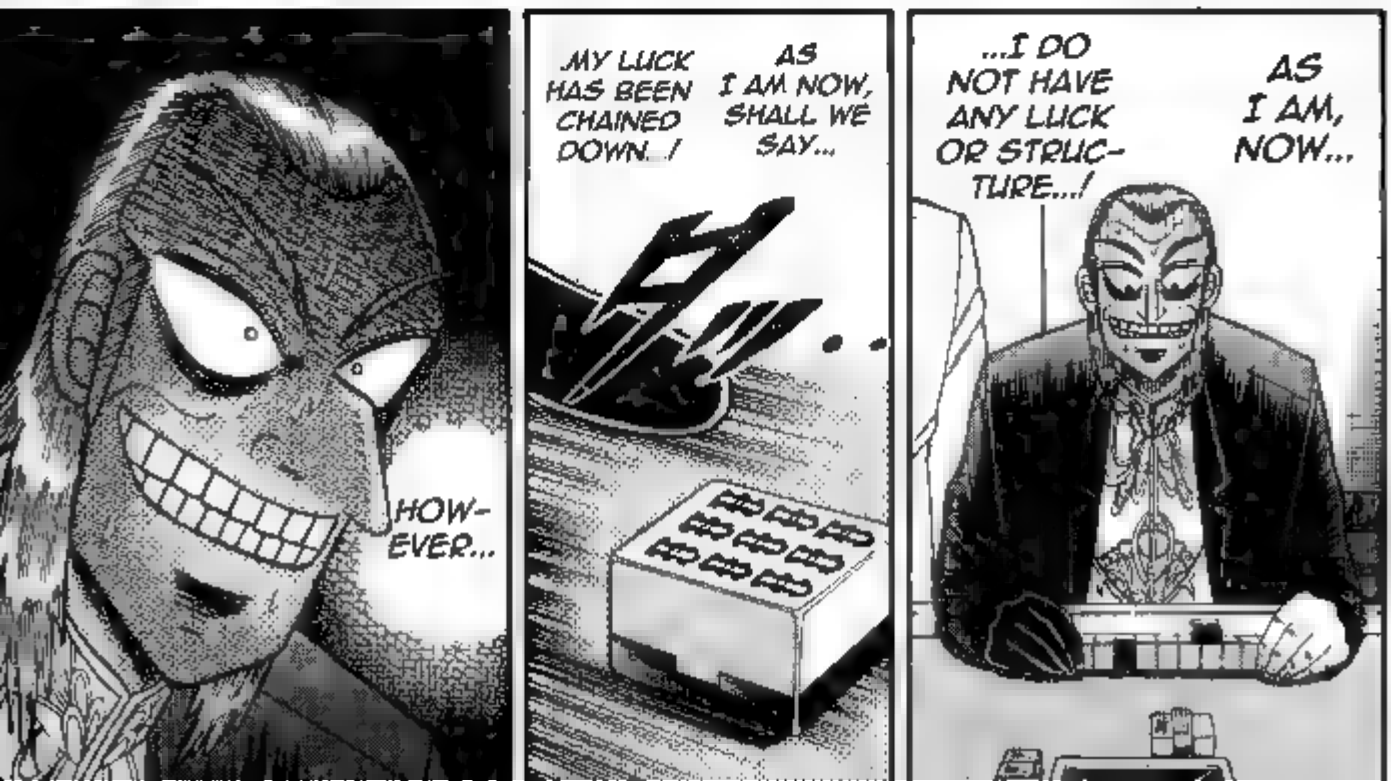
HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE DARK-NESS....!

HE'S WELL-VERSED IN WHAT THE POWERS OF DARK ARE.../
RATHER, HE KNOWS QUITE ENOUGH.
NO...
NEVER-THELESS...
BUT...
AND THIS ACTION HAS SHOWN...
THAT IS A BIZZARRE ATTRIBUTE
...HIS REBELLION AGAINST THE UNKNOWN.../
HE IS NOT AFRAID OF THE DARK-NESS...!
..AND YET HE DOES NOT FEAR ../
THE DARKNESS IS HIS ENEMY...

...TAKING ON THE RISK OF THIS EXTRA HONBA YET AGAIN...!
HE ARROGANTLY CHOOSES THE PATH OF INSUBORD-INATION...
THE HEAVENS SHALL NOT ALLOW THAT...!
HE HAS PUT ON THAT FACADE ...!

...MAKE THEIR JUDGE-MENT!!
THEY WILL DEFI-NITE-LY...


I SEE ...!


HOW-EVER...
MY LUCK HAS BEEN CHAINED DOWN...!
AS I AM NOW, SHALL WE SAY...
...I DO NOT HAVE ANY LUCK OR STRUC-TURE...!
AS I AM, NOW...

...BEING IN THE STATE HE IS NOW IS VERY DISAD-VANTAGE-OUS...
BE THAT AS IT MAY...

...! HAVING NO FEAR ...!

A MUCH MORE FUNDAMENTAL FEAR THAN THAT...!
NOT SIMPLY FEAR OF COMPETING AGAINST ME.
AND THAT IS...

THAT IS...

OF FATE!
ALL OF A SUDDEN.
THAT SOME DAY, SOMEWHERE
OF DEMONS!
AN IMPOSSIBLY UNLUCKY EVENT COULD TAKE PLACE !

NOT-
FEARING
THAT IS A
TREMEN-
DOUS
HANDI-
CAP!
YES...
ACCIDENTALLY!
THAT FEAR OF
SUDDEN, FREAK
ACCIDENTS...
...IN
THIS
WORLD
...
IN
REALITY,
EVERY-
THING
THERE
IS!...
BAD
LUCK!
OF
UNEX-
PECTED
...
...IS
ALL CON-
TROLLED
BY
CHANCE!

NOT PERFORMING CHANCE IS TRULY FATAL!!
RON!

PINFU, II PEI KOU, 2 DORA.

URGH...!

GRGH...!

ざわ…

3RD HO-NBA.

LET'S GO.

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ざわ…

BUT WHY...?

GR GH...!

12,000 POINTS... WITH 2 HONBA, THAT'S 12,600.

WHAT'S THE POINT ?!
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WHY IS HE STILL ADDING HONBA ?!
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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?!

BUT STILL ..

WASHIZU'S HANDS HAVE CERTAINLY DECLINED IN QUALITY
WELL, TO BE FAIR...

I CAN'T SEE ANY REASON FOR THIS ...!
ISN'T IT JUST POINT-LESS ...?!

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...ALL HE NEEDS IS A MANGAN TSUMO!

HE DOESN'T NEED A DIRECT HIT!

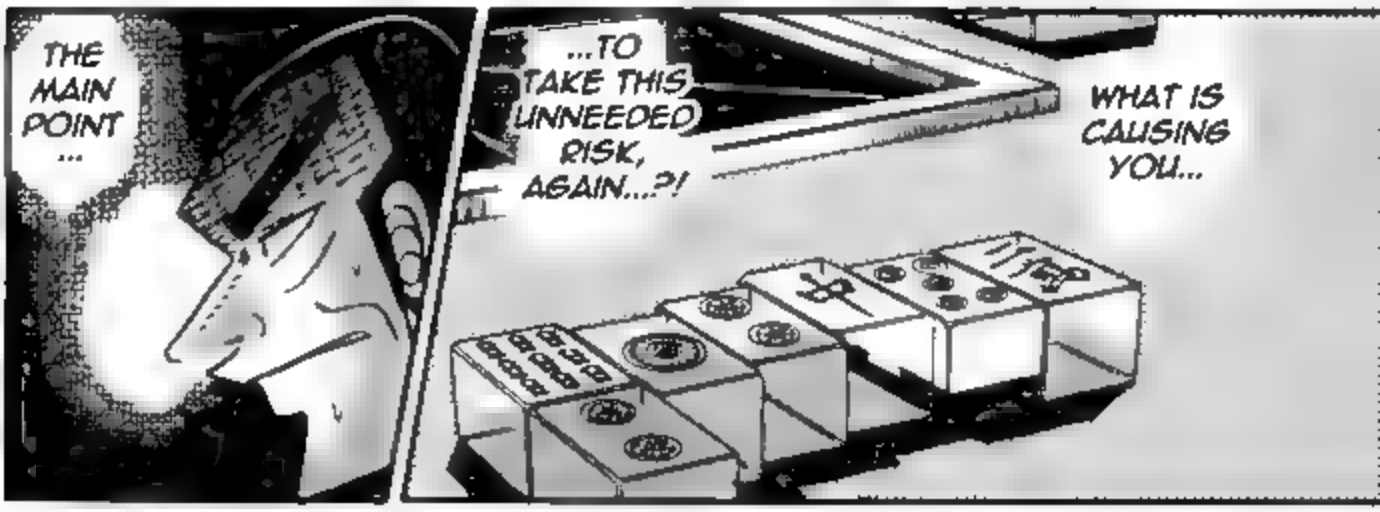
THAT WOULD BRING THE TOTAL HE'S LOST TO 2400...!
SINCE HE'S THE DEALER, HE WOULD LOSE 4000 POINTS. 400 CCS OF BLOOD!
..DEATH WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY UNAVOIDABLE!
WITH JUST A MANGAN TSUMO..

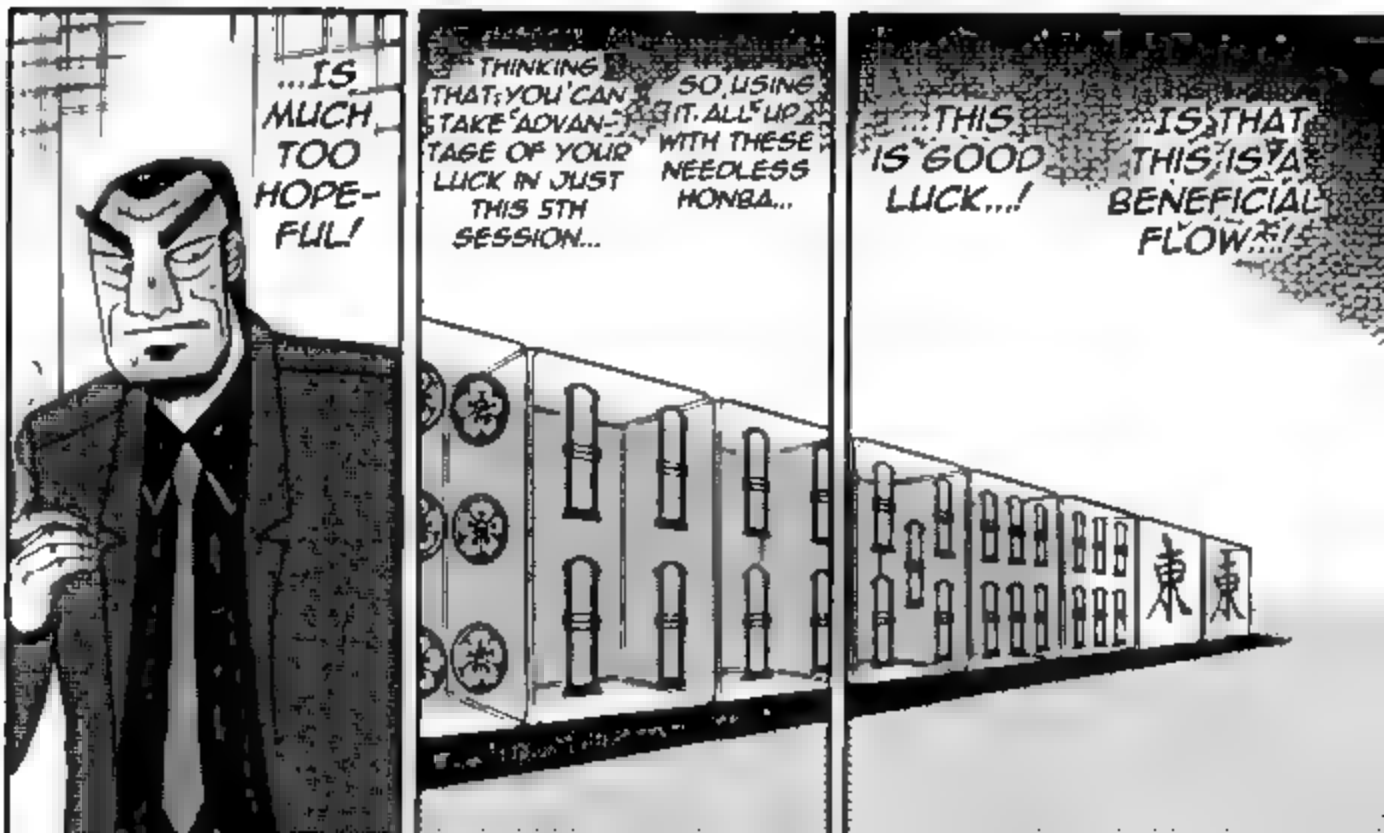
HE COULD EASILY BE KILLED AFTER THAT!
EVEN CONSIDERING THE EXTRA 500 CCS THAT HE HAD TRANSFUSED, THAT'S STILL CLOSE TO DEATH!

WITH ALL OF THAT
2400 CCS!
2400

AKAGI!!
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU'RE NOT CONCERNED BY IT AT ALL?!
THAT'S A REALLY BASIC CONCEPT

...WITH THESE RIDICULOUS EXTRA HONBA ...?!
WHY ARE YOU RISKING YOUR LIFE...
WHY ARE YOU LOSING CONTROL LIKE THIS ...?!


THE MAIN POINT ...
...TO TAKE THIS UNNEEDED RISK, AGAIN...?!
WHAT IS CAUSING YOU...


...IS MUCH TOO HOPE-FUL!
THINKING THAT YOU CAN TAKE ADVAN-TAGE OF YOUR LUCK IN JUST THIS 5TH SESSION...
SO, USING IT ALL UP WITH THESE NEEDLESS HONBA...
...THIS IS GOOD LUCK...!
...IS THAT THIS IS A BENEFICIAL FLOW...?!

DON'T YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR LUCK GOING INTO THE 6TH SESSION?!
THERE'S STILL THE 6TH SESSION ..!
PON!
AS FAR AS LUCK GOES
WHETHER HE CAN HOLD ONTO IT OR IT CAN VANISH IN AN INSTANT
WELL...
FOR ALL THIS ...
IT'S NOT REALLY EASY TO PREDICT IF AND WHEN IT WILL RUN OUT ..

...AKAGI WAS FAVORED!
...CONTRARY TO THOSE PREDICTIONS...
...CAUSING CONFUSION AND BEWILDERMENT...
IN THIS 3RD HONBA AS WELL!
...AKAGI SECURED A MANGAN WIN!
...BEREFT OF HARDSHIP...
WITH YAGUOKA DEALING IN...
TON, 5 DORA.
RON.

THERE WAS NO NEED TO FORCE IT, OR HAVE ANY DOUBT!
AND SO...
...IT CONTINUED TO THE 4TH HONBA.
WHILE EVERYONE ELSE WAS STILL PUTTING THEIR HANDS TOGETHER ...
...ON THE 5TH TURN ...!
A LIGHTNING FAST RIICHI!
RIICHI!

ざわ…!
HE TURNS HIS TILE TO THE SIDE!

CONSIDERING THAT HIS BLOOD COULD BE TAKEN IF HE DEALT IN...

TO NOW.
GR GH ...!

AND YET...
THERE HAD BEEN VERY FEW AT ALL TO HERE!

...AKAGI WOULD AVOID CALLING RIICHI.
EVEN IF HIS DRAWS MADE HIS HAND QUICK...

IN OTHER WORDS, IF HE COULD RIICHI WITHOUT LEAVING THINGS TO CHANCE...
...HE WOULD CERTAINLY DO SO!
...IN THOSE SITUATIONS, AKAGI COULD CERTAINLY RIICHI.
...OR IF WASHIZU'S HAND WERE IN NO SHAPE TO WIN AT ALL...
...IF YASUOKA COULD IMMEDIATELY DEAL IN...
THIS RIICHI IN THE 4TH HONBA OF THE SOUTH 4TH ROUND IS DIFFERENT!
HOWEVER...
AND WASHIZU'S HAND IS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE!
.....
YASUOKA HAS NONE OF AKAGI'S WINNING TILES!
...HE CAN STILL STRIKE BACK AT AKAGI!
...HE WILL STILL BE ABLE TO COUNTER-ATTACK...
IF HIS HAND CONTINUES TO PROGRESS...

TO NOW, THIS WOULD BE AN IMPOSSIBLE PLAY!
IT WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE...
.....
A RIICHI THAT IGNORES ALL THOSE FACTORS!
AKAGI'S HAND IS QUITE GOOD!
OF COURSE...
THAT WAS NOT THE CONCERN!
IT WAS IN GOOD SHAPE!
A 5-SIDED WAIT FOR 1, 2, 4, 5, AND 7 SOU!

.....
THAT MUCH IS CLEAR!
IT WAS STILL VERY LIKELY TO WIN!
HOWEVER...
SO IN OTHER WORDS...
HE PROBABLY THINKS HE HAS A 99% SHOT AT IT...
...IT IS NOT A GUARANTEED WIN!
BE THAT AS IT MAY...
一萬
一萬
二萬
二萬

HE HAS RELAXED HIS GAME...!

I'M ONE TILE FROM TENPAI...!

NOW, THEN... IT HAS ARRIVED ...!

HE CAN NO LONGER DECIDE WHICH TILES HE WISHES TO DISCARD...!

HE HAS JUST LET DOWN HIS GUARD...!

I CAN KILL HIM ...!

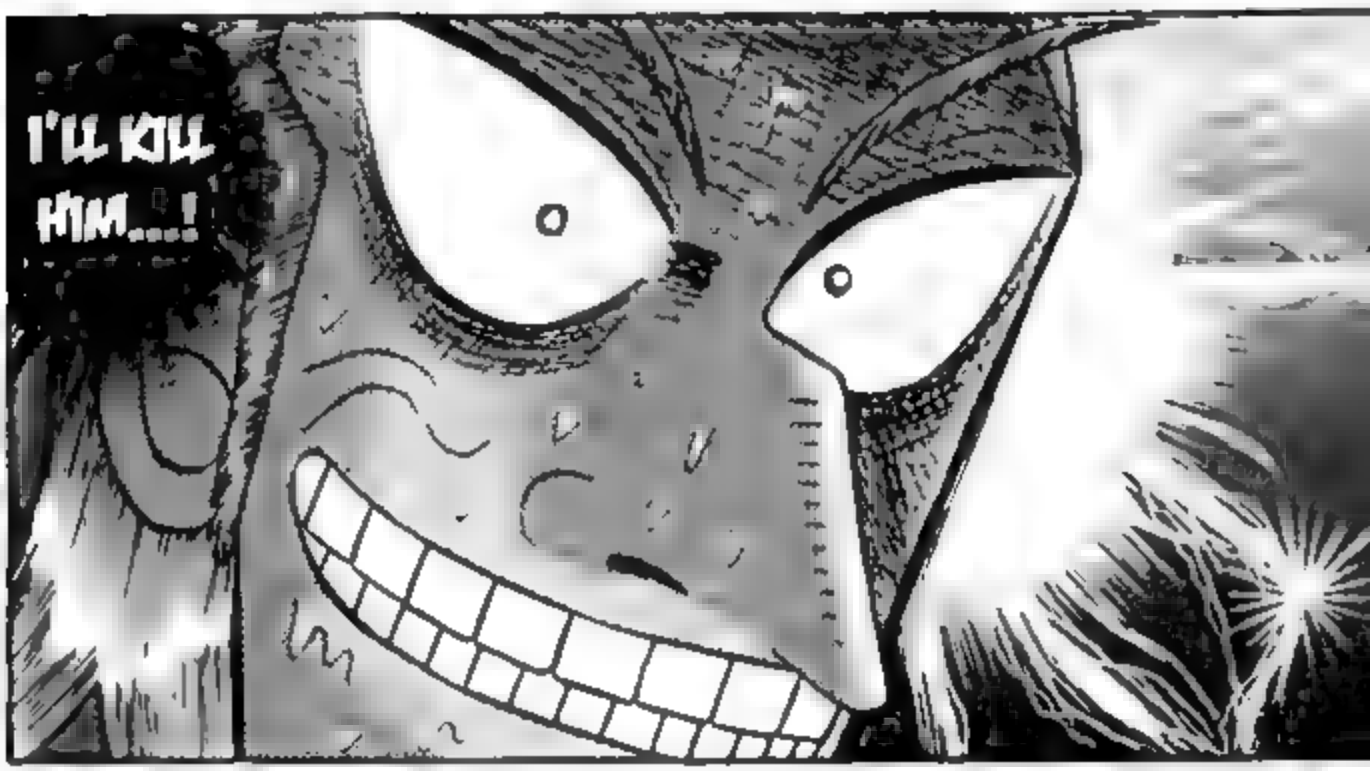
IN OTHER WORDS ...

KEH HEH HEH HEH ...

NOW ...

AKAGI IS NO LONGER FEELING PRESSURED...!

HE CAN DO NOTHING BUT WHAT HIS PUPPETEER, FATE, COMMANDS HIM TO DO
HE IS A PUPPET ...!


I'LL KILL HIM...!

NOW THAT HE'S A PUPPET, I WILL MAKE HIM DANCE!!
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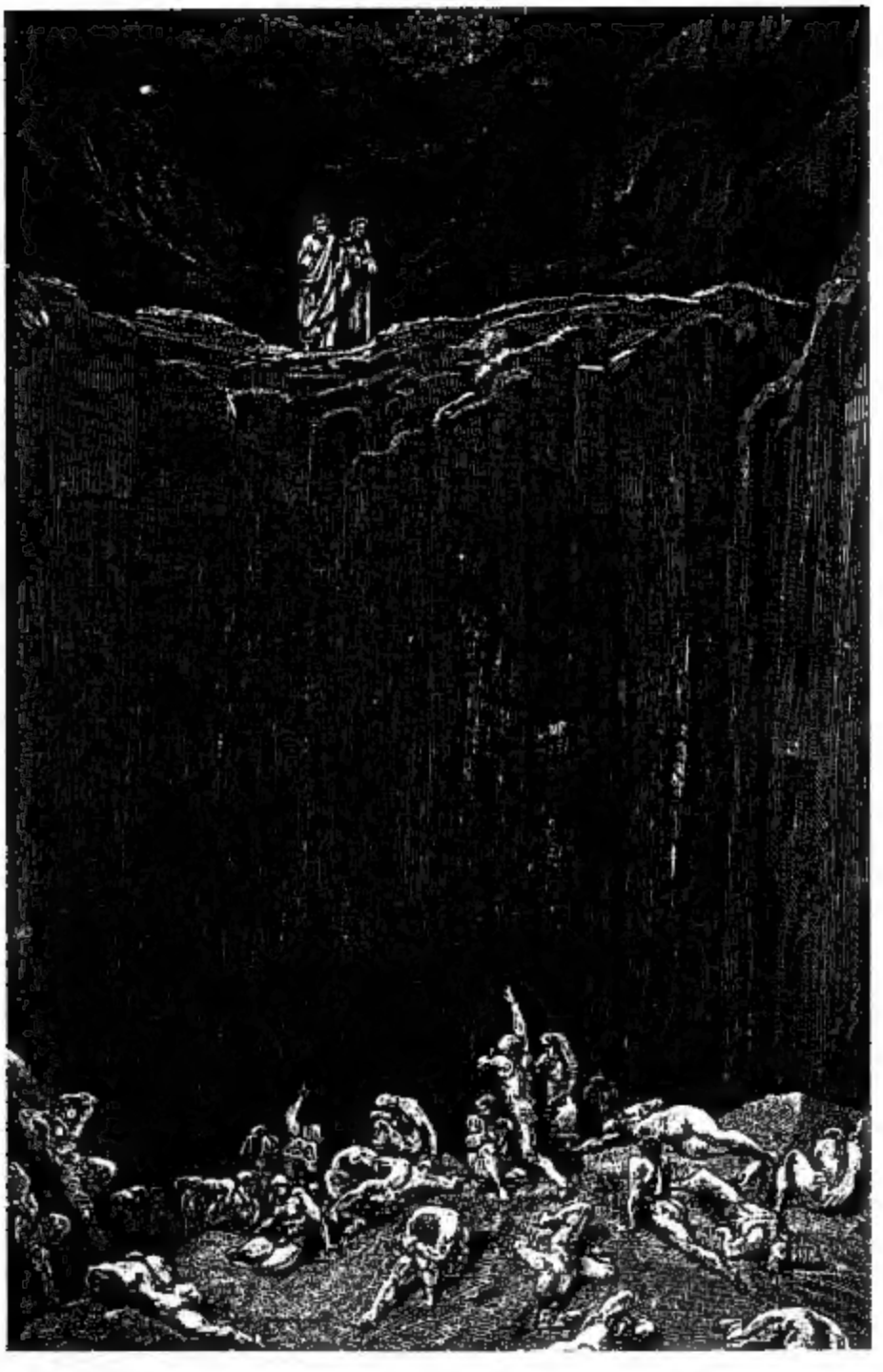
三萬
六萬
AKAGI V.15 FIN



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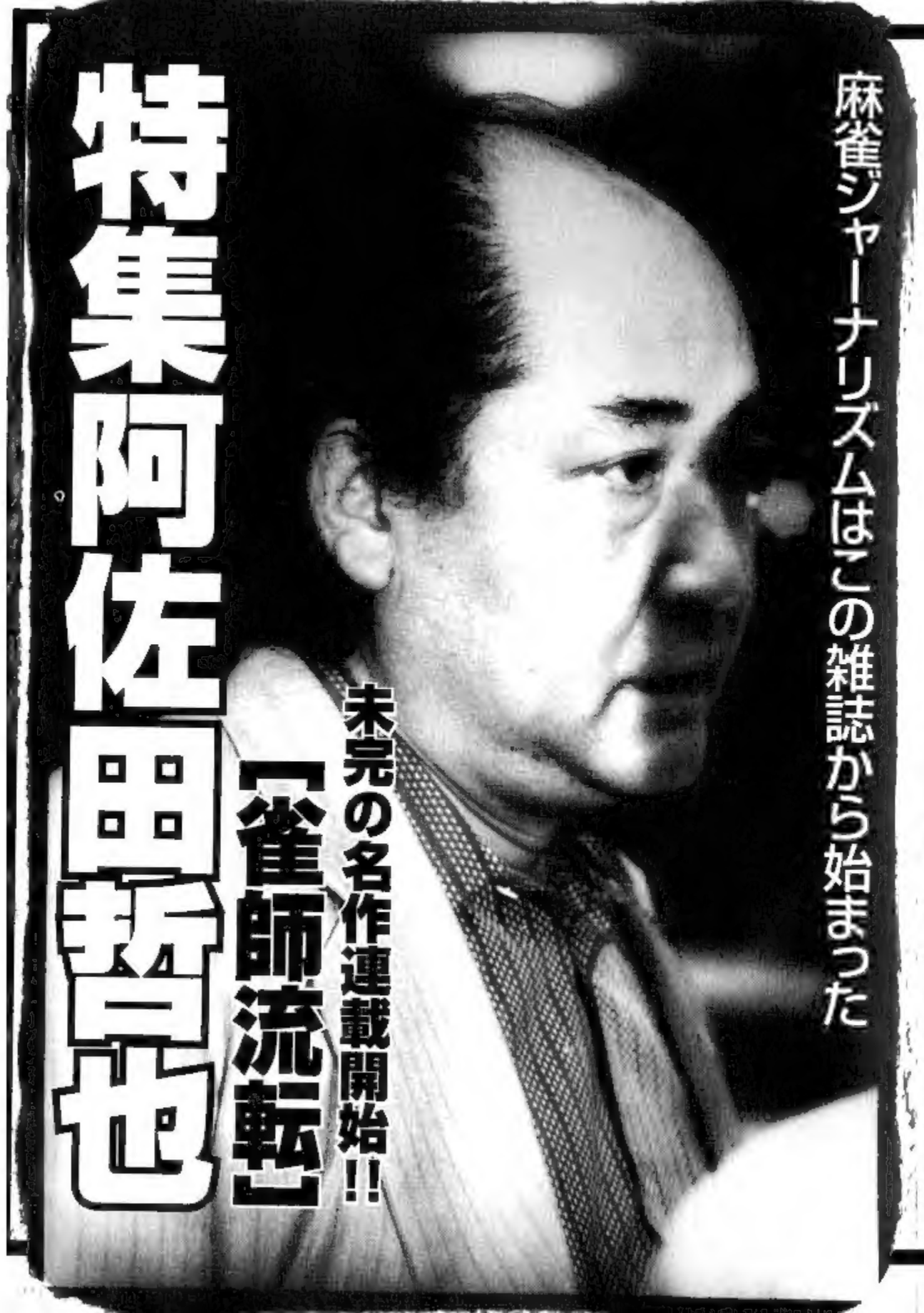

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